

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2024 ,

4:15 p.m.

Place: Town Office, 70 Snare Creek Lane-Lower Level Jonesport, Maine

Opened by: Selectperson Fish & Selectperson Cilley by Zoom. Selectperson Alley absent.

Attendees: Cynthia Beauvais, Carrie Peabody, Diane Smith, Sheila Millett and Irene Rogers.

Approval of Minutes: *October 9, 2024 (amended to read proper date)*

Motion to accept by: Selectperson Cilley; seconded by Selectperson Fish. Approved.

Signatures:

A. Warrant:

B. Payroll:

Members of the audience who want to speak must raise a hand. It is at the discretion of the Chairperson of the Select Board to allow a member of the audience to speak during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Signs for others to be aware of blind people at Gaelic Square:** Selectperson Fish made the motion to order the signs, seconded by Selectperson Cilley.
2. **Requests of Planning Board to Select Board:** Selectperson Fish made the motion to allow the Chairman of the Planning Board to contact the town attorney, John Hamer. A copy of the issues needs to be sent to the Select Board office, along with the reply from the attorney. Selectperson Cilley seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

3. **Library/town land: The request by Peabody Memorial Library for 70 feet of land towards the ball diamond will be placed on the Special Town meeting in November.**
4. **Main St. Building:** The name of the building is Dow. The building inspection has been completed and the office is waiting for a septic inspection. A water test will be needed also.
5. **Report on town owned trailer:** Carver Construction will remove the trailer and dispose of it for approximately \$5000.
6. **Guideline update for snow plowing:** A guideline will be drawn up in Select Board office showing the contract continuing each year with a 3% increase. Then it will be sent to John Hamer for his expertise.
7. **Bushes at the end of Snare Creek need trimming back:** MDOT will be contacted to have trees trimmed at Snare Creek Corner and on the opposite side of the road as they hinder traffic coming out of Alexander Avenue.

MISCELLANEOUS and FYI:

8. **FYI: report - FEMA:** All projects for FEMA have been approved and documented. Next steps are Hazard Mitigation and approval at the state level for payment.

9. **Executive Session appoint new member to EDC:** MRSA 406(A) personnel: A motion to go into executive session was made by Selectperson Fish, seconded by Selectperson Cilley at 5:00pm. At 5:10 p.m., the board returned to the general assembly. Selectperson Fish, seconded by Selectperson Cilley, made the motion to approve the appointment of Carrie Peabody to the EDC.
10. **FYI-Sand bid opening Nov. 6th:** No bids were received so the sand will be put out to bid again, with an ad in the MVNO, with the opening of them on Nov. 6th.
11. **Coast Guard Housing:**
 - A. **Bond Bank:** The Municipal Bond Bank gave the board guidelines for proceeding with the bond process.
 - B. **Hamer opinion:** Attorney Hamer recommended the Town write letters to Angus King, Susan Collins, Marianne Moore and Tiffany Strout asking for support of USCG housing. Selectperson Fish made the motion to have the office draft the letters, seconded by Selectperson Cilley.
 - C. **TIF:** Eaton Peabody may have funds related to setting up a TIF in the past. They will be contacted to ask the status of the funds sent to them.
 - D. **Report on Zoom meeting with Genesis:** John Egan will be forwarding his outline of steps needed to begin the process of getting funding for the housing project on Thursday, Oct. 24th. A meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on Friday. Selectperson Cilley will set up the Zoom meeting and record it for future reference.
12. Selectperson Fish, seconded by Selectperson Cilley made a motion to approve the purchase of a small printer for use in the Select Board's office.
13. Diane Smith asked if the Board would allow the garden club to put flower boxes around town. Selectperson Fish made a motion to that effect, seconded by Selectperson Cilley.
14. Sheila Millett was curious about why she didn't receive a 3-year certificate of appointment. The office will look into the reason.
15. ARPA fund expenditures must be earmarked by December 31, 2024, or the funds have to be returned.

Motion made by Selectperson Cilley, seconded by Fish to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 pm.