

**Select Board Meeting Agenda
Nobleboro Town Office Meeting Room
January 3, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

ATTENDEES

Richard Spear, Select Board Chair	Emerald Friend, Town Clerk
Richard Powell, Select Board Member	Robyn Clark, Treasurer
Jon Chadwick, Select Board Member	Piper Pavelich, Lincoln County News
Matthew Benner, Road Commissioner	

OPEN MEETING: R Spear opened the meeting @ 6:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lower Cross Road Culvert

- Benner expressed concern about the culvert on Lower Cross Rd. It is a 6' round culvert that no longer has a bottom. He feels the Town should address soon as it is a truck route.
- He can look at repairing rather than hiring an engineer and gave two options:
 1. Replace it with a cement bridge culvert and real guard rails. The road would need to be shut down for a week during repairs.
 2. Replace with the same kind of culvert as the current one lasted 30 years.
- Powell suggested keeping an eye on it throughout the year until the Cotton Stream work is resolved. There is a grant for culverts right now but if we were going to try and get the grant it would need to be done by Jan 19th. The Board does not feel we are ready to move forward with any grant requests.
- Benner suggested the possibility of adding a weight limit restriction in the interim.

MINUTES: Approve 12/20/23 Minutes

- Motion: R Powell motioned to approve 12/20/23 mins
- Second: J Chadwick 2nd motion
- Result: Motion passed unanimously

SCHOOL & TOWN WARRANTS:

1. Town Payroll Warrant	#: 128	\$ 19,859.44
2. School Payroll Warrant	#: 127	\$ 56,306.77
3. School AP Warrants	#: 126	\$ 73,419.11
4. Town AP Warrant	#: 129	\$ 34,476.83
		\$184,062.15

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SIGN WARRANTS: 119-122

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Damariscotta Mills Properties - Stan Waltz Letter**
Waltz had pictures and a letter explaining that he had to put a stop work order to contractors @ Brendan Parson property as they are not certified to be doing work on/near the stream crossing. There was no erosion control taking place. Therefore, mud and silt are getting into the Cotton Stream.
- **Bayview Road Building**
Waltz also had a picture of a building that has fallen and needs to be removed. It is owned by J Schumaker on Bayview Rd. He explained in the letter the building is a danger to others. Waltz has contacted Mr. Schumaker several times over the past few years with no action. Stan explained the Town can be held responsible if someone gets hurt because Schumaker has not complied. The Select Board would like to discuss with Stan further as he was not present. It has been tabled pending further discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- **Generator Repair**
R Powell would like to contact Mid-Coast Energy to see if they have a mechanic that can look at the generator rather than an electrician. The generator is only 9 years old and has only 300 hours. The Select Board all agreed to research repairing rather than replacing.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Cotton Stream**
R Powell spoke with Jessie at Calderwood Engineering. They are going to put the Cotton Stream project back out to bid.
- Powell was concerned the cost of the railroad flaggers may be a part of why no one placed a bid for the project. He asked the Select Board if they felt that the town should pay for the flaggers. Select Board did not choose this option.
- Jessie reached out to potential bidders who did not bid. Their reason was lack of help.
- A local contractor said he did not know anything about putting in bids otherwise he would have done so.
- Powel suggested putting the ad in a trade magazine and/or MMA website as contractors do use that to look for projects.
- Powell also suggested giving anyone that puts in a bid to have a copy of the blueprints and not have the bidder pay for them.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Fire Truck**
J Chadwick spoke with the Rockport Mechanic. They are going to contact Aaron Bradbury-Nobleboro Fire Chief to arrange to move the truck to Rockport.

ADJOURNMENT: R Spear adjourned the meeting @ 6:29pm

Minutes transcribed by Emerald Friend, Town Clerk