

Selectmen Minutes

Date: February 23, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

OPEN MEETING: Dick opened meeting @ 4:45pm

ATTENDANCE: Dick, Richard, Jon, Sue, Larry S-LCTV, Marianne P, Peter G, Bill Silva, Stanley, Bill Soares, Brett Verney & Family, Ira, Nate H

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

ACCEPT MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: RP motion to approve minutes as written, Jon second the Motion, no further discussion, all in favor, so moved.

APPROVE WARRANT: 4— (Approve Transfer Station Bill \$6995.17) RP motion to approve W4, with adding TS Bill of \$6995.17 & Reliance bill for FD of \$2997.08, Jon second the motion with the Additional bills added, no further discussion, so moved.

SIGN WARRANT-3—The Selectmen signed W3

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Brett Verney-** Brett paid the \$1000 fine from 2021. He is working with Nat from DEP on a plan. He is also working on a plan for vegetation in shoreland & with an architect for a planting plan. Stanley- Gave Brett the shoreland ordinance and reviewed the pictures of the cutting of trees and in stable shoreland area. Stanley explained we need to protect the water and conserve the beauty, see page 2 section F Habitat Ordinance. Brett stated that Nathan from DEP said he could weed whack the area, but Stanley said he could not. Richard P- how many trees did you cut; it looks like a lot? Brett-2 pines and weed-wacked the rest. Richard P- we need to conserve the shoreline and stop the cutting and disturbance of the soil. Cutting trees cause the phosphorus and nutrients to run into the lake. Stanley will look at the plan before you do anything else correct. Brett/Stanley-yes Dick-Dep is involved now, and you are working on a plan, it is in their hands and then Stanley will look over the plan once you get it. Do you have a timeline of when this is to be done? Brett- no not really, I am working on it with Tim-forestry planner and Nathan-DEP. Mrs. Verney wanted to know why they were not told all this 2 years ago or give the Shoreland Zone Ordinance? Stanley- he said he explained all this to Brett's father and told him what he could or couldn't cut and also in my letter I sent ask you to refer to the ordinance on-line. Richard-So Stanley will review the plan before anything else is done, I am good with that. Brett-Thanks
- **Broadband Committee Presentation—See attached information presented.**
***358 responses, 31% unsubscribed (available to customers but don't have it), 22 % unserved.**
Dick-? Matching funds how does that work, Peter- if varies for example by town size, location etc. Bill Soars-we should jump on it while we can & commit it to it for our future while we can. Peter-Southport has 600 people-fiber to everyone, & the town has a bond for 2.4 million. We get the for-fathers work hard to keep taxes down and the town/selectmen are diligent protecting the towns people and their taxes.
Richard P- thank you Bill for your presentation, Larry for recording, & the Broadband committee for all your work and time.
- **Selectmen to approve abatement for Billy Clifford for \$451.84 (sold property), Supplement Lannie Solochek (new owner) \$451.84—Richard motion to approve the abatement for the Clifford's \$451.84 and a supplement for the Solocheck's for \$451.84, Jon second, no further discussion, all in favor, so moved.**
- **Sign Warrants to be posted for Town Meeting.** Selectmen signed the warrant to be posted.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- **Efficiency Maine (0.1175), Novel Energy Solutions (?), Smart Energy Holding (0.111)**—*Sue figured out it would be like a \$3.00 savings a month changing to another company. Dick would rather stay with efficiency maine. We will not change providers.*

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **I.T. Contract with Modem Waves expires 3/1/2022** . *Chris does not want to renew or if he does with a 20 hr minimum a month fee. Sue explained we do not need him that much. Sue looked and spoke to Waldoboro, Newcastle, & Damariscotta and they use EES out of Rockland. Sue received a quote of 2 hrs a month at 234/month. Richard motion to approve contract with EES for our IT support, Jon second the motion, no further discussion, all in favor, so moved.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Selectmen Chair to give an overview of ARPA Funds**
- **Deb Wilson to have a discussion at some point to release Highland Cemetery Funds to their Highland Cemetery Account estimated amount would be 4420.03 per Fred via trusted account from our audit report**
- **Laurel Ames-to discuss Alewives Festival at some point.**
- **Town of Nobleboro & Waldoboro joining forces on Duck Puddle Rd and the flooding-Tabled.**

~~Executive Sessions: Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Par 405 (5)E~~

ADJOURNED: *Dick motion to adjourn at 6:20pm, Jon second the motion.*

DATES TO REMEMBER: Selectmen's Meeting-5:00 pm Wednesday, March 9th & 23rd