

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
Nobleboro Town Office Meeting Room
August 16, 2023 @ 6:00 pm**

ATTENDEES

Richard Spear, Select Board Chair	Emerald Friend, Town Clerk
Richard Powell, Select Board Member	Robyn Clark, Treasurer
Jon Chadwick, Select Board Member	Nate House, Broadband Chair
Rhea Butler, School Board Member	Angela White, School Board Member
Peter Nielson, School Board Member	Jennifer Pendleton, School Board Member

OPEN MEETING

R Spear opened the meeting @ 5:57pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Approve 8/2 meeting minutes

On motion Powell/Chadwick moved to approve the August 2nd meeting minutes. Vote 3-0

SCHOOL & TOWN WARRANTS:

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|---------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. Town Payroll Warrant | #: 68 | \$ 20,323.46 |
| 2. School Payroll Warrant | #: 69 | \$ 74,796.38 |
| 3. School AP Warrants | #: 70 | \$ 26,325.68 |
| 4. Town AP Warrant | #: 71 | \$ 103,355.48 |

On motion Powell/Chadwick moved to approve all warrants but to add in First National Bank Loan and pay the interest in the amount of \$1,239.31 & \$100,000 towards the principal owed. Vote 3-0.

SIGN WARRANTS: 63 - 67

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Nate House - Broadband Grant**

N House spoke about a grant that broadband can apply for. He said that he would like to use the \$7,500 of the \$57,500 that was approved for the broadband from ARPA for the broadband grant. He said that he spoke with the county and that they will match the \$7,500 towards the grant. R Spear mentioned that the extra \$7,500 was supposed to be used to help people get connected if need be. Spear said that if they then use the \$7,500 towards the grant then there will be no more money for that purpose. N House understood

that but had said that he feels that it would help our chances in getting the grant. As last time Nobleboro was dropped for the grant. As an example Newcastle had received the grant and it was for \$60,000. On motion Spear/Chadwick to allow Broadband to use the \$7500 for the grant. Vote 3-0.

- **Angela White-School Board Efficiency Maine Grant**

A White said that the school board submitted in early July for the Efficiency of Maine grant, and they were approved. This grant is to be able to change all the lights and balusters to LED lights which would save them \$12,000 a year. The project to have all the lights changed out is \$65,344.59. The grant amount was \$28,805, NCS would have to cover \$36,539.39. Peter explained that he went through the financials and that they have \$176,469 balance forward amount but that \$122,000 is from state aid and has to use for 2024 year. If they do not get on an electrician's schedule for this year to have it done, then they will lose the grant. The grant money must be used by the end of 2023. Angela had mentioned possibly being able to move money around from line to line. Spear explained that if they wanted to move a large amount of money then a special town meeting would have to be approved but that you can move 2% from line to line without having to have a meeting. A separate line would be put in to pay for the balance of the project. On motion Spear/Powell to move forward with the NCS Light Project. Vote 3-0

OTHER BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS

- **Fish Ladder Bridge Project Complications Update**

R Powell just wanted to update the board on the fish ladder bridge project. Mark Becker sent an email explaining a few of the things that the contractor has run into but they both have spoken about it and have agreed on the solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion Chadwick/Powell moved to adjourn at 6:21pm

Minutes Transcribed by Emerald Friend