

**Select Board Meeting Agenda
Nobleboro Town Office Meeting Room
December 20, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

ATTENDEES:

Richard Powell, Selectboard	Nate House, Broadband
Jon Chadwick, Selectboard	Mary Sheldon, Cemetery Committee
Emerald Friend, Town Clerk	Robyn Clark, Treasurer

OPEN MEETING: Richard opened meeting @ 6:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Approve 12/06 meeting minutes
Jon made a motion to approve 12/06 minutes/Richard 2nd motion. Vote 2-0

SCHOOL & TOWN WARRANTS:

1. Town Payroll Warrant	#: 120	\$ 14,217.24
2. School Payroll Warrant	#: 121	\$ 79,302.83
3. School AP Warrants	#: 123	\$ 129,507.62
4. Town AP Warrant	#: 124	<u>\$ 174,443.56</u>
		\$ 397,471.25

Jon made a motion to approve the warrants as written above/Richard 2nd. Vote 2-0

SIGN WARRANTS: 115-118

NEW BUSINESS

- **Cotton Stream Project - Bid Opening**
Richard explained that there were no bids to open. Calderwood Engineering will reach out to some Contractors, after the Holidays, to see if something can be done to make the bid more attractive then they will put it back out to bid.
- **Mike Fahey - Tax Overpayment Refund**
Richard and Jon approved to refund the overpayment to Mike Fahey for 2023 taxes.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Fire Truck is at Reliance in Vassalboro and likely needs injectors. The Select Board would like to have it moved to Coastal Auto Works in Rockport for a 2nd opinion/estimate. Jon will call Fire Chief Aaron Bradbury about moving the truck.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Broadband - Nate House
 - Nate explained the \$2,000 grant for Nobleboro was unsuccessful. There is no more money currently from the Reach ME Line Extension. He explained there are possibly a few options but he is not sure if they would be ARPA approved.
 - Tidewater is looking into more grants to be able to roll out fiber.
 - County Liaison explained to Nate that other towns in Lincoln County did not get the grant either. Bremen did due to them having low-income housing.
 - Broadband is looking to see if they can use the ARPA money to be able work with tidewater and spectrum to help install fiber or lower the cost of the installation for people that want fiber. Richard explained it would have to be brought to the town meeting for discussion. Richard also explained we will need to figure out the ARPA funding before we lose the use of those funds.
 - Another option would be to possibly work with the county, ARPA and Tidewater to get fiber.

OLD BUSINESS

- Cemetery – Mary Sheldon
 - Mary came in to explain the plan for the Cemetery Committee as they are requesting \$4k in funding from the Town.
 - There are 85 Cemeteries, 49 have veterans' graves, 23 of those are cared for by the town's contractor. Some of those cemeteries are on private land so they are not taken care of by the town.
 - Bob Jackson recruited 2 more people who agreed to take care of their own cemeteries. During the meeting, a third resident agreed to maintain the cemetery located on their property.

ADJOURNMENT: Jon adjourned 6:59pm