

**Select board Meeting Minutes
Nobleboro Town Office Meeting Room
July 5, 2023 @ 6:00 pm**

Select Board members present: Dick Spear, Jon Chadwick, and Richard Powell. Staff present: Michelle Cameron - Administrative Assistant to the Select Board and Richard Genthner – Fire Chief. Also present: Karen Paz - Newcastle Select Board Chair, Jim Brinkler, Laurel Ames, Bob Barkalow - Fish Ladder Restoration Committee, Mark Becker – Alewives Fish Agent, and Nate House – Broadband Committee. Minutes transcribed by Michelle Cameron

OPEN MEETING: Spear opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: House said the Robert O’Brien is willing to serve on the town’s Broadband Committee. **On motion Powell/Chadwick moved to appoint Robert O’Brien to the Broadband Committee. Vote 3-0**

MINUTES: Approve 6/21 meeting minutes: **On motion Powell/Chadwick moved to approve the June 21 meeting minutes. Vote 3-0**

SCHOOL & TOWN WARRANTS:

1. Town Payroll Warrant #55: \$13,700.17
2. School Payroll Warrant #56: \$52,219.00
3. School AP Warrants #57: \$70,241.41
4. Town AP Warrant #58: \$36,050.03

On motion Powell/Chadwick moved to approve all warrants for amounts listed. Vote 3-0

SIGN WARRANTS: 50-54

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax Abatements

- A. Milford Atwood Jr, Map 23 Lot 23-B-1, 95 Burma Rd, \$135.63
- B. Bette Flagg, Map 2 Lot 7, 35 Hutchings Rd, \$80.86
- C. Arthur Gillden, Map 20 Lot 5, 12056 Gillden Island, \$50.69
- D. David Gore, Map 5 Lot 46-2, 49 Winslow Hill Rd, \$65.76
- E. Hellen Robinson, Map 4 Lot 9-C, W Neck Rd Rear, \$38.36

On motion Chadwick/Powell moved to approve all tax abatements as listed. Vote 3-0

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. **Catering Permits – Permission for Town Clerk to Sign off:** Cameron said that sometimes permits come in at the last minute and need to be signed and there is not time to put the application on the Board’s agenda. Would the Board allow the Clerk to sign these types of permits. **On motion Powell/Chadwick moved to allow the Town Clerk to sign Catering Permits with a note on the Board’s agenda that the permit was signed. Vote 3-0**

2. **Susan Takano – Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust – Requesting to use parking at Pemaquid Boat Ramp or Ballfield on July 13 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. She is requesting 10 to 20 spaces to offset parking at a Wanderwood event:** Cameron stated that Takano had emailed the office and requested the use of 10 to 20 parking spaces at the Pemaquid boat launch a pond-related/water quality event they will be hosting at Wanderwood on July 13 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Discussion ensued regarding the boat launch and ballfield parking. Chadwick mentioned the park and ride lot by the town office. The Board agreed to recommend usage of the park and ride lot and not the boat launch or ballfield.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Mark Becker – Request Letter – Alewives Harvest:** Discussion ensued regarding the harvest for this year and whether other towns had a similar low harvest. Becker said the harvest tends to vary each year. He said Striper fish were the issue with our ladder this year.

Powell explained the Harvesting Summary & Payroll report and stated that he felt the Board should address what the harvesters were going to be paid and then have a work session with the Newcastle Select Board about a plan going forward.

Becker said he would like the pay scale defined.

Chadwick mentioned having a minimum pay that workers would receive each year and then going up from there depending on the harvest.

Discussion ensued about past practices and having the Fish Ladder Restoration Committee pay for maintenance and repairs out of the Kruger funds that the Committee administers.

Paz stated that the Newcastle Select Board would like a document that spells out the terms of the fish ladder for future reference.

The Select Board agreed that a work session would be prudent. **On motion Spear/Chadwick moved to approve the proposed payroll figures as presented by Mark Becker and for the maintenance invoices to be paid by the Fish Ladder Restoration Committee using Kruger funds. Vote 2-0, Powell abstained.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) **On motion Powell/Chadwick moved to enter executive session. Vote 3-0**

ADJOURNMENT: On motion Chadwick/Powell moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.