



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

APRIL 30, 2024

MINUTES

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross, John Hicks and Frank Day.

Attendees: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Hailey Boudreau; Dana Forcier, Jr.; Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Vane; Brian Merrill; Dan Larson; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Vincent Carbone; Chad Pine; Vincent Lanovara; Deborah Tait; Barbara Moulton; Whit Lucy; and Bruce Collins. Zoom: Lori Brann and Jeffrey Findlen.

Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and called for a Pledge Allegiance.

John motioned, Frank second to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

Payroll (and Accounts Payable) have been approved.

Vinny Lanovara requested a formal response based upon his request for two articles to be considered in the warrant. John read the document that explained how they came to the decision not to include them in the warrant. Vinny thanked them and said he appreciates it.

There was a discussion on the quotes for the roof over the handicap ramps which vary between \$2,000 and \$18,000. It was agreed to hold off until they can discuss it with Willy.

ACO, Cindy reported that she has taken Police One training for her department and requests a body camera. She had nuisance wildlife calls; stray cats taken to Harvest Hills; and a missing dog. Most of her calls come from Fryeburg and Bridgton, Brownfield, Sweden and Lovell. Dick asked if she thought the other towns would pitch in on the cost of the body camera and she will check into the cost and ask to see what they will say.

Fire Chief, Dicky reported 3 structure calls, mutual aids, and new rules for burning brush. A fire pit must be 3'x3'. Incinerator barrels are illegal. Cindy asked if she saw one, should she call him? Yes. He had a meeting in South Parris last Thursday night.

Public Works, Cliff said they are chipping and cutting brush and asked Frank about the distance for trees on the sides of the road and Frank answered that he never had a problem but they could do like Lucas Tree does and just cut it off by the right of way and let the stump stick out there. They started hauling winter sand and will be changing culverts on Dugway. He got quotes on paving the front of the Rec Center. He asked about getting a quote for paving the ramps. Cliff said he has received quotes for Sam Brown & Old County Roads from the bridge to Merrill's Corner. Frank suggested paving the section from Sam Brown up to the top of the hill on Old County Road. Cliff asked about sealing the parking lot at the Town Office. Bruce asked what are they going to do about the bridge on Misty Lane, Frank said the issue right now is the



guard rails. Dick asked Cliff to take a look at it and take pictures. The gates at the Transfer Station need to be replaced. Cliff asked about the orange container and Frank said that Richard told him that CIA will haul it. If that is so, they could keep it and use it. It was agreed that trash collected for Valley Pride Day could be put in the 550 at the Rec Center.

CEO, Michael said permits are way low from last year and that it's been very slow.

The Board received three letters of resignation from the Fire Chief, effective June 30. He recommends that E-911 Administrator and Health Officer should be handled by the Code Enforcement Officer and the Safety Officer should be handled by the Public Works.

Recreation Director, Willy asked to report that Saturday, May 4 is Valley Pride Day, for roadside litter clean-up. Meet at the Community Center at 8:30AM to sign up. Anyone interested in helping with constructing a roof on the dugouts may also show up at the same time; Ball games start on May 1st at 5:45 PM and Friends of Rec will be meeting at 6:30 PM; Community Yoga will be on Thursday nights; Also, Community Games night will be on Fridays going from 5:30-7:30. He thanks everyone for their participation.

An e-mail received from Zack Everett regarding a Facebook page that the Town has no control over was discussed. Cindy explained what she had to do for the food pantry and suggested that someone from the town post on the page for a short while.

Town Clerk Michelle Day recommends Ada Lane and Alvina Day for the "Spirit of America" award. John and Dick said they would go for that; We received notice from Maine DOT awarding paving contract to All States Asphalt and the Bridge Inspections Reports; The Board signed Certificates of Appointment for Election Clerks; It was agreed for Dick to sign the Audit letter for the 2024 Annual Audit.

Matthew Randall's response to the meeting at Randy Burnell's property was read aloud by Frank. Matt made recommendations that might help. Brian asked about the animals being farm animals and whether Randy actually has a farm. Alvina was instructed to e-mail Matt again and ask him to verify this.

Debbie Tait wanted to acknowledge and thank Vinny Lanovara for his years of donating a musical instrument to a student at Fryeburg Academy.

Vincent Carbone stated that he is excited to update the town on the progress they have made on the Community Permaculture Project. He said he is working with Willy on this and thanks everyone for their support.

John motioned, Frank second to adjourn. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant