

JEFFERSON SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2024

Present: Pamela Grotton and Robert Clark, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2023 – approval postponed until 01/16/2024.

Handouts: Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave Act law updates, Planning Board Lighting Ordinance email, 2023 Expense Report Summary, Current Personnel Policy, Draft Personnel Policy, Maine Statue for Veteran Gravesites

ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- Winter Storm on December 18, 2023 - The Road Commissioner reported there was a lot of cleanup necessary from the storm; there were trees down on Atkins Road and Egypt Road.
- Egypt Road – discussion was had regarding filling the potholes for the winter; the Road Commissioner will fill them with gravel until the road can be repaired.
- 82 North Mountain Road - A tree came down during the storm from the Right-of-Way and landed on someone's property. The Road Commissioner advised the resident he's responsible for the cleanup on his property.
- Winter Sand/Salt – Jim Brann will be changing the lights at the Sand Shed and then the Town Office, scheduled for 01/03/2024.

PLANNING BOARD:

- Bill Farren was in attendance.
- Lighting Ordinance
 - Bill is concerned about how to enforce the ordinance.
 - Bill will get a copy of the Waldoboro Ordinance and contact them to see how they enforce it.
 - Discussion has been tabled for now.
- Solar Farm Ordinance
 - Bill is going to bring the Solar Farm Ordinance to the Select Board so it can get on the April Annual Town Meeting ballot for the vote.
 - The Planning Board is looking into the private solar panels to possibly modify them due to concerns from the Fire Department.
 - Lynne will find out how early we need the Solar Farm Ordinance to get it printed on the ballot and get back to Bill.

JEFFERSON VOTING LOCATION CHANGE:

- Walter Greene-Morse was in attendance and explained why the school will not let the Town use it for elections other than Presidential and Gubernatorial.
- An application for change of venue needs to be submitted to the State for approval and required the signature of one of the Select Board members – Robert signed the application.

PROPERTY TAX REPAYMENT AGREEMENT:

- The agreement was signed by the Select Board.

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION:

- A dedication was submitted to dedicate the Town Report. The Select Board suggested it be rewritten. A suggestion was made to change it from Dedication to Appreciation.

ABATEMENT:

- The Select Board signed the Abatement.

APPOINTMENTS:

- The Select Board signed the appointments for the following:
 - Emergency Management Agent – Alexander Ciskowski
 - Appeals Board Planning Member – Richard Parlin
 - Appeals Board Planning Member – Eric Lepage

JEFFERSON CANE:

- Two names were submitted: Leo Glidden and Lea Libby.
- A decision was postponed until the next Select Board meeting (01/16/2024) pending verification of the information submitted.

OTHER:

- The 2023 Expense Summary Report was distributed.
- Minutes from the Public Hearing on November 6, 2023, were distributed. The Select Board will read them and put them on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The current and draft Personnel Policy were distributed for review and will be put on the next the agenda for the next meeting.
- Walter Greene-Morse indicated that the School Board may request use of the School Long Term Maintenance funds for some construction that the State is requiring to bring up to standard.

Approved Town Expense Warrant in the amount of \$13,019.64
The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Pamela J. Holtton
Robert Curran