

JEFFERSON SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2024

Present: Pamela Grotton, Robert Clark, Jr., Claudia Orff-Reed

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

Meeting Minutes: July 1, 2024 - approved (2-0)

Handouts: Property & Casualty Survey

SENNETT ROAD:

- The trees around the power lines need to come down. Robert and the Road Commissioner will go out to look and mark the trees to be taken down. There was discussion about having Don Clark take them down.

HYDRO DAM INSPECTION:

- Robert thinks Stan Waltz might know who is on the committee and have a contact number. Lynne will contact Stan.

PLANNING BOARD – SOLAR PANEL FARM ORDINANCE:

- Bill Farren brought the Solar Panel Farm Ordinance to the Select Board, noting that it is being supported by the Planning Board 5-0. Bill discussed the changes and addressed the questions raised with the last draft. The Building Ordinance will also have changes going on the ballot in November.
- The election timeline was discussed and the need to have the ballot questions ready at least 60 days prior to the secret ballot election. The Public Hearing must take place at least 10 days prior to the secret ballot election.

ALEWIVES:

- The past Alewives ads and contract were brought in for review and discussed.
- Richard Hatch was present and is very interested in the Alewives contract, it's from his property they fish for the Alewives, and he's concerned about letting anyone on his property, he had known Ron Weeks for years and trusted him. Lynne will email him copies of the past contract.

ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- Egypt Road –
 - Robert spoke with Vaughan Stevens, who does estimates for Hagar, and he thinks there's a lot of ledges along the side of the road and it might be very expensive to blast it.
 - The Road Commissioner will contact Tim McGee for an estimate for breaking up the ledge.
 - The Road Commissioner should be done ditching up to Footloose Lane by the end of the week (07/19).
 - The Road Commissioner will have an estimate for the poulder for the next Select Board meeting.
 - Lynne will bring the amounts of the road surplus for the next Select Board meeting.
- Somerville Road – The Road Commissioner hasn't been able to reach McGee about having them fix the damage that was done on Somerville Road by their trucks, he will keep trying.
- Winter Sand & Salt –
 - Dylan Peaslee and Brandon Johnston gave a price to buy and haul the sand to the sand/salt shed \$15.50/yd @ 3,000 yds for a total of \$46,500. A motion was made and seconded. (3-0)
 - The Road Commissioner will ask Dylan and Brandon to submit an estimate for buying the salt and delivering it to the sand/salt shed, to the next Select Board meeting.
- Snowplowing Contract for the Town Office – the Town Office and the Town Roads contracts are now on the same cycle.
- Roadside Mowing and Bushwacking – Robert spoke with Gary Castner who said he'd be willing to do the roadside mowing again.

PROPERTY & CASUALTY SURVEY:

- The survey was handed out for review, and it will be added to the next agenda because there are some serious items that need to be addressed.

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

- Lynne spoke with First National Bank, who will be coming in on Wednesday (07/17) to go over the contract.

JUNKYARD ORDINANCE:

- A complaint was received via email about a property that appeared to be a junkyard. It is not a legal junkyard and is not the responsibility of the Town. Tom Durkee will reply to the email as CEO.

DOT LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE:

- Lynne will bring a report to the next meeting of what's gone to the URIP money and what's gone to ARPA. The Town will be using up the Local Road Assistance and ARPA money first.

Entered Executive Session at 6:11 pm under 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6)(D).

Executive Session ended at 6:27 pm and no vote was taken.

Approved Town Expense Warrant in the amount of \$34,992.97.

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Samela J. Gotton
Claudia Duff-Reed