

JEFFERSON SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2024

Present: Pamela Grotton and Claudia Orff-Reed

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.

Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2024 - approved (2-0)

Handouts: Copy of the 2022 Audit Report

ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- SENNETT ROAD – Robert and the Road Commissioner didn't get the chance to go look at the road to mark the trees that need to be taken down.
- NORTH MOUNTAIN ROAD – There was a call about a tree down, Pam drive by on her way home from the meeting.
- EGYPT ROAD –
 - The Road Commissioner has reached Footloose Lane with the ditching process.
 - The Road Commissioner has received an estimate for the Pounder (\$15,000/month or \$1,600/day or just over \$5,000/week). It was estimated that it would take approximately 200 hours or 5 weeks to complete the job.
 - Blasting – Tim Purington has estimated the blasting would be \$40,000, and this estimate was before what was found at the cemetery that needed blasting. Tim indicated that they could be ready to blast in a week to a week and a half once The Town is ready for blasting.
- SOMERVILLE ROAD – The Road Commissioner spoke with McGee about having them fix the damage that was done on Somerville Road by their trucks, they are aware and will be fixing it.
- NORTH MOUNTAIN ROAD – A complaint was made by the Gallion's, that the Post Office won't deliver their mail if the side of the road isn't fixed by next week – there's no culvert so the rain is washing the road out. Pam would like it filled in with dirt until the Select Board can determine a better solution.
- WINTER SAND & SALT –
 - Dylan Peaslee was present and before he could provide an estimate for the salt, he needs to know how much salt the Town will require.
 - Generally, it's 25-30 tons/load and based on last year when the Town ordered 300 tons/10 loads – Dylan will get back to the Town with an estimate based on this.
- GOOSE HILL ROAD – there was a request to hot top the ditch. The Road Commissioner will investigate it.

2023 AUDIT:

- Lynne spoke with Fred, the auditor, and he was not able to give a definitive time for getting the 2023 audit completed, other than by the end of the year.

NEW TOWN CLERK:

- The Select Board signed the following appointment papers for Rachel Bethea, the new Town Clerk: Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Deputy Registrar.

ALEWIVES:

- Discussion was had about putting the contract out to bid – it should be a 5-year contract.
- Jeffrey Grotton requested copies of the previous contract as well as the ads for the bid – Lynne had the copies made and provided them before the meeting adjourned.

PROPERTY & CASUALTY SURVEY:

- The front door of the Town Office building has ants, and the floor is rotting and structurally unsound – the exit and emergency lights need to be replaced – the trim boards on the front and back of the building need to be fixed, among other things.
- A contractor is needed to give an estimate – an ad will go in the newspaper for repairs to the Town Office, once we have a complete list of what needs to be done.
- There are several items in the basement that need to be dumped.

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

- Lynne just needs to do a couple of test runs and then we should be all set for the next payroll cycle.

ROADSIDE MOWING:

- Roadside mowing – Gary Castner has agreed to do the roadside mowing.
- Bushhogging – the areas that need to have this are: the old dump/landfill on Hinks Road, the field by the fire station, and the sand/salt shed. Possible names were provided: Kevin Kramer or Dan Orff (Orff Logging & Excavation)

SOLAR ORDINANCE:

- Pam would like to have the Solar Ordinance clarified in Section 10 – D: Releasing the Guarantee – she would like it to say “if necessary” – she wants it clear who is responsible for dismantling & disposing of the equipment.

HYDRO DAM:

- Lynne spoke with Stanley Waltz, who has indicated that the repairs are minor and are being taken care of.

Entered Executive Session at 6:03 pm under 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6)(D).

Executive Session ended at 6:25 pm.

- Upon exiting Executive Session, a motion was made, and seconded, to contract with Royer and have them perform the 2023 and 2024 audit. (2-0)

Approved Town Expense Warrant in the amount of \$40,192.02.

- Lynne needs to verify the amounts are correct for two of the invoices on the School Warrant or are they duplicate invoices.

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.