

# Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 05-24-2022

**Opening:** The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm in Stow, Maine by Jim Wilfong.

## Present

**Selectmen:** Ray Ryan, Jim Wilfong, Carl Lindblade

**Town Clerk:** Christine Carone      **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros      **Secretary:** NA

**Road Agent:** NA

**Residents/Guests:** NA

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes Approved from 05/10/2022 meeting **MSV Approved (3-0)**

**Clerks Business:** C Carone received from Western Maine Timber an application for over the road limit fees for a Union Hill Road address for 3 trucks. The fee is \$25 per truck.

There is a notice from HEAP, regarding general assistance. The information included the income cutoff based on family size. The board would like to have Community Concepts come to the town to take applications for assistance from residents early in the season so that our residents can apply before the money runs out. We know that fuel oil prices have increased dramatically. Carl Lindblade will look into this. He is the Selectman in charge of general assistance.

Ray Ryan will look into the salt supplier, Eastern Maine Salt.

Maine Oxford County Commissioners submitted \$55,702 tax assessment. The Selectmen signed and approved the assessment. **MSV Approved (3-0)**

**Treasures Report:** TAN note application for \$300,000 at 2.65% **MSV Approved (3-0)**

**Warrant # 21 for \$13,755.90 MSV Approved (3-0)**

Funds from TAN should be available for use by early June.

The Town has \$125,651 in cash on hand. This amount should be reduced for the Warrant #21 as well as the unearned ARPA Revenue of \$19,080. Cash available for expenditure is **\$93,000** (rounded).

This warrant includes our final payment for the snow contract for this season. We will be receiving MSAD 72 charges effective July 2022 shortly.

Select member Wilfong stated he estimates spending \$30k on roads by June, he doesn't anticipate spending over the \$90K before the TAN note funds are available.

**Open Issues:** Christine Carone has spent numerous hours applying for the ARPA funds. This a very complicated process. Including a video conference call to verify her identity. To date the

town has spent \$5,040. N Boros will call MMA to clarify what other expenses can be applied against the ARPA funds.

The Selectmen are looking into painting the interior, replacing the floor tiles in the hall and paint the floor in the meeting room. K. Panno will price the cost of paint. Carl Lindblade will look into the flooring. We may need to apply a moisture barrier before we lay down flooring.

The Board unanimously approved J Wilfong speaking to Kezar Lake petitioners to follow the town's road improvement plan, or if that is not agreeable, have a hearing with the County Commissioners.

Road work will also be done on Union Hill and Chatham Rd. The Forest Service is contributing towards the expense of gravel and culverts on the Stone House Road. This project is being undertaken because the Forest Service is supplementing the cost. The Selectmen are addressing the roads improvements while bearing in mind the rising fuel costs.

**New Business:** Selectmen to read and approve all Planning Board minutes. Once approved they can be posted on the web page. Carl Lindblade to create text to be posted on the web page regarding general assistance.

Meeting adjourned. 7:10 pm MSV.

Next meeting will be Tuesday June14, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Boros