

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 08-23-2022

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 **Deputy Clerk:** Kathleen Panno **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros

Residents/Guests: Andrew Meyers, **Budget Committee**

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved from 08/09/2022 meeting. **Moved and seconded 3-0**

Clerks Business: Mailing for HEAP (fuel assistance) and information about Broadband was sent. Mailings are time consuming because there is no quick way to generate a mailing list from our data base. It took about 5 hours. Selectmen approve payment of \$100 from the Maine Connect grant to reimburse C. Carrone for her time on this special project. There is no easy way to generate a mailing list for residents only. (E.g., Stow has many taxpayers who are nonresidents). A discussion ensued regarding considering making a data base after tax commitment, but the data base would change as there are property sales. 134 envelopes were mailed. Therefore, half the cost of the mailing (approx. \$40) will be charged to the \$4000 State Broadband grant.

Deputy Clerk's business: Acorn Ave and Kimball Rd signs are missing. The signs have been ordered and will be installed with a special bolt that will make it harder for the sign to be removed and stolen. Painting of multi-purpose room continues.

Treasures Report: We have cash of about \$100,500. We have spent \$186,023 from the Road Budget. We have about \$23,000 left for the year. Some funds will be reserved for emergency projects. We will not pay the MSAD 72 monthly expense tonight. MSAD 72 made a slight error in their billing, they are sending amended monthly charges after their 8/24 meeting. We will pay based on the adjusted amount after we receive it.

There is an opportunity to apply for a \$3k grant for the generator – Carl Lindblade will address this.

Warrant # 36 for \$13,276.96 **Approved and seconded 3-0**

Open Issues: Volunteer Insurance – Ray Ryan talked with MMA regarding Volunteer Insurance. The application is online, and the town pays \$2 per volunteer.

Road Agent: (Selectman Wilfong) J. Wilfong would like to replace the treads on both town bridges. The cost would come from the Bridge budget (not the Road budget). The bridges have been allocated a budget of \$44,447 for this year. The budget for Roads *only* is \$191,047.68, the budget for Bridges *only* is \$44,447.16. We have signage to indicate the tonnage on both bridges as 44,000 lbs. The signs need to be installed. The roads have been graded, rolled and calcium chloride has been applied. If the Town gets the agreement from the Forest Service for the Shell

Pond Road, we may replace three culverts before year end. Stow would get reimbursed from the Forest Service after the work has been done. There is additional work that needs to be done on Union Hill Rd. An invoice for grading of the roads is still outstanding, we are waiting for the invoice from the vendor.

New Business - NA

Public Comment: Andrew Meyers, Budget Committee Rep, asked if there are other projects not discussed tonight. J. Wilfong mentioned the board has several projects in mind for using the ARPA funds (federal funds, American Rescue Plan). Painting, carpeting, generator installation at the Town Hall are all projects being planned. This will allow the town hall to be a warming center. Selectmen are also considering a heat pump or an AC unit. This would allow the town hall to be a cooling center.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Boros