

# Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 01-25-2022

**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,

**Town Clerk:** Christine Carone      **Treasurer:** Diana Davis      **Secretary:**

**Road Agent:**

**Residents/Guests:** Nancy Boros, (record minutes)

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes Approved from 2 meetings 12/28/2021 and 01/11/2022 meeting

## Clerks Business:

C. Carone submitted the Broadband Memorandum of Agreement for the Selectman to sign. A check for \$4k for the Broadband initiative was received. The money comes from the ARAP funding. **VOTED APPROVED 2-0 to submit MoA to Broadband Committee.**

The Town anticipates a total of approximately \$48k from ARAP.

Regarding the Block Grant from State of Maine, Department of Transportation that the Town applies to every year, the grant application was submitted electronically to the State on November 1, 2021. A copy of the application is filed on the computer as well as filed in hard copy. J. Wilfong and C. Garland completed the application for **\$9,916.00.**

C. Carone has asked Sheila Graves for a formal written resignation as Selectman and for her to return her keys.

## Treasures Report: Warrant #3 for \$342 and #4 for \$48,425.40 (VOTED APPROVED 2-0 )

Auditor was on site 1/20/2022. DDavis has not had additional questions/correspondence as of today. DDavis submitted to Selectman for signature statement regarding C. Garland's pay rate for the auditors. Payment to Fryeburg Rescue for mechanical lift stretcher was sent.

**Open Issues:** The Selectman need to find a replacement for Carrie Garland particularly regarding the need for an E-911 officer.

The Selectman discussed the need to select a location for the Town Meeting during the Covid crisis. The Fryeburg Fair building maybe available. J. Wilfong will call David Hastings, Esq. President of the W. Oxford Ag Society. J. Wilfong will also contact Fryeburg Academy, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fryeburg, and the North Conway Chapel in No. Fryeburg, all of which have large multi-purpose rooms. The Selectman are limited to spending 3/12's, of each category of expenses, from PY (2021) budget for Q1 of 2022. Therefore the meeting should be as close to Q1 as possible. The Town will be able to pay the Snow Contract and General

Assistance regardless of the 3/12 limitations. Those two expenses can be paid in excess of the 3/12. Since there is no longer a civil emergency the town is limited to the 3/12's rule. The consensus is that the meeting should be in early April.

**New Business:**

J. Wilfong and R.Ryan to meet to discuss Budget 2022 on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Budget Committee meetings will follow.

**Public Comment: NA**

Next meeting will be Tuesday February 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Boros