

# Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 02-14-2022

**Opening:** The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:05 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

**Road Agent:** Jim Wilfong

**Residents/Guests:** Rob Flint, **Broadband Liaison**

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes Approved from 01/24/2023 meeting

**Clerks Business:** A reminder notice has been sent to everyone who still owes taxes. There were about 40 letters sent.

## Treasures Report:

1 We have a foreclosure - Anna Eastman estate. JW stated he will talk to the person renting the home. He will follow up with the executor of the estate to see if the taxes will be paid. At this point all taxes must be paid, the foreclosure occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

2. Our cash balance is \$400,697 as of 2/11/23.

We received the National Forest deposit of \$5,738.08 and expect a second payment around June the year. Last year's payment was \$4.6k

3. Equity (draft) report indicates we have \$284k available for Equity. (See attached)

I continue to work with the auditor. They presented us with a short form report and an equity amount. **Selectmen voted to take \$100,000 from equity for the 2023 budget (3-0.)**

4. Cost of Efficiency Maine project increased to \$5,208. We can pay this from ARPA funds, using all the funds remaining and pay the balance, about \$1,000 from Municipal offices. Or we can pay this from Municipal Office and leave a small amount in the ARPA account. **Selectman vote to use all ARPA funds towards this expenses. 3-0.**

5. Budget meeting and questions – I have started to get some of the answers ready and will respond before the meeting.

**6. The date of the town meeting is April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**

**Open Issues:** R. Ryan talked to the Katie Haley, town manager, in Fryeburg regarding grant writing. Her advice was Federal money is hard to get. The Me Community Foundation has some resources. The King family has a foundation, and DEP replaces culverts at stream crossings. Particularly if there are fish, especially trout. Fryeburg used Rob Pru of Pine Tree.

**New Business - Broadband update:**

Me Connectivity Authority has stated the next state round will start June 20<sup>th</sup>. This corresponds with the release of updated maps from the FCC. The money is most likely to go to unserved communities. However, not all of the 7 towns in the ESRB are unserved (Stow is unserved). The ESRB will try to ask for money for the unserved portions in the ESRB. The next meeting will be in early March.

**Public Comment: NA**

Next meeting will be Tuesday 2/28/2023, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Boros