

**Town of Stow**

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 01.09.2024

**Opening:** The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm in Stow, Maine by Jim Wilfong.

**Present**

**Selectmen:** Jim Wilfong, Carl Lindblade

**Town Clerk:** Christine Carone **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros **Deputy Clerk:** Kathleen Panno

**Road Agent:** NA

**Residents/Guests:** NA

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes Approved from 12.19.2023 **Selectman approve 2-0**

**Treasures Report:** (Nancy Boros)

Cash Balance \$ 404,023

Warrant # 2 \$41,235.29 Approved **2-0**

I am working on year end activity and preparing for the audit.

Seven foreclosures notices on unpaid 2021 property taxes have been sent. Properties will be foreclosed on February 2, 2024.

State Broadband funding –we were given \$4,000. Spent \$602.44 in 2022, and \$0 in 2023.

We have \$3,397.56 remaining. These funds will be used to pay for the attorney to review the broadband agreements. This legal fee for the attorney will be shared by the other towns.

**Clerks Business:** (Christine Carone)

Chris Bigelow has resigned from the budget committee. Currently we have enough for quorum of 4, but all 4 must come to the meeting to have a quorum. We need all members to sign the oath of office. C. Carone will send reminding emails.

**Deputy Clerk:** (Kathleen Panno)

**Selectman’s Reports:**

**Policy Contracts and Insurance** (Ray Ryan) - NA

**Maintenance Report/Broadband:** (Carl Lindblade)

Carl Lindblade met with Rob Flint on 1.4.2024 to discuss the broadband project.

**Road Report:** (Jim Wilfong)

Kathleen Panno will research how to obtain a crank for the snow blower chute.

Jim Wilfong and N.Boros completed the online application for the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> flooding event. The town incurred approximately \$29,000 in cost. Oxford County qualified for FEMA reimbursement. J.Wilfong and N.Boros will monitor this reporting.

**New Business:**

We will select budget meeting dates at the next Selectman meetings.

A discussion was held concerning town committees.

**Open Items**

**Policy Contracts and Insurance** (Ray Ryan)

Volunteer Insurance for FY 2024

Snow Contract – bidding to occur around May 2024

Property Insurance – confirm with MMA building value is up to date, inform MMA of square footage

**Maintenance Report:** (Carl Lindblade)

Deferred Maintenance schedule for Salt Shed and Town Hall will be completed January and will be used for the 2024 budget. CL to include estimate for sound proofing.

Sealcoating of parking lot – tabled until spring 2024

Ordinance regarding lots with trailers on them and no septic system – planning board is overseeing this

Sale of foreclosed property –Articles in the town report will be updated and the property will be placed for sale in spring 2024

MMA grants –will be reviewed in January to determine if the town can apply for any funding

**Road Report:** (Jim Wilfong)

Ezra Heald Bridge/Stone House Bridge – awaiting contract from Calderwood Engineering, it will be paid in installments.

J. Wilfong will contact F. Wilson to install a septic cover and to move some rocks to top the culvert.

J. Wilfong to set up meeting with Select board, CEO and Planning Board regarding road and building issues

Select board to determine who will make an inventory of all roads in town – town maintained, private and abandoned roads.

**Town Office**

Rob Flint will configure the new modem for the town office he needs to buy an additional piece of hardware.

K.Panno to collect documentation that FOAA training has been completed

Next meeting will be Tuesday 01/23/ 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Adjourned 7:35 pm