

# Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 07-11-2023

**Opening:** The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm in Stow, Maine by Ray Ryan.

## Present

**Selectmen:** Ray Ryan, Carl Lindblade, J. Wilfong- (delayed)

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

**Residents/Guests:** NA

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes Approved from 06/27/2023 meeting **Approved 2-0 as amended to include dollar amount of computer contract.**

## Treasures Report:

**Cash Balance \$129,059 at 7/6/2023**

**Warrants # 42 \$ 853.14**

**# 43 \$ 25,174.55**

We have received a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) from the Dept of Interior for \$6,961.00. PILOT funds may be used for any purpose and are general revenue funds. We have also received payment from the National Forest for \$4,466.52 (received via State of Me), these are Special Revenue Funds. I have drawn the first \$100k on the Tan note. I will draw again when our balance is below \$50k.

I have corresponded with MMA regarding the Town having paid for road repairs that will be reimbursed at a later date, such as Shell Pond, FEMA repairs and the bridge work. The response was that we can add the revenue received to our current year road budget thus allowing us to spend more on the roads. The caveat is that we can't record the revenue until it is received.

Computer Contract - I have sent Rob Flint a W-9 and a form to submit to the State indicating he does not need worker's comp insurance. Once I receive these items, he can start to work on the computer issues as a 1099 contractor.

Howard Allen submitted a timesheet for his mowing. With the COLA increase of 8.57%, his new rate is \$32.57, I'd like the board to approve an increase to \$33, to keep the pay rate and round number. **Selectman approved 2-0, J.Wilfong absent.**

Ron McAllister will be reimbursed for each trip to the town hall to meet with residents to issue permits. **Approved 2-0, J.Wilfong absent.**

### **Clerks Business:**

The Planning board voted on an increase to the building permit charges, effective immediately.

The Planning Board determined that the driveway permits should be issued by the road commissioners from issuing the permit to inspecting the completeness of the driveway as well as determining the proper width of the driveway and if a culvert is needed for drainage. On a state road the state issues the permit.

The Planning board used to be paid a stipend. They have asked that the Selectman approve up to a \$20 per meeting stipend per person, retroactive to January 1st, 2023. The payments are paid from the Planning Board's budget. **Approved 2-0, J.Wilfong absent.**

**Deputy Clerk's Business:** Mail delivery on Deer Hill Road has become an issue. The post office has the prerogative to deliver the mail twice a week on the same day each week, which is the current schedule. The road needs to be graded, and fine gravel needs to be applied over the roads to improve the quality of the road for the postal driver.

**Road Report:** R. Ryan stated that we are waiting for a bill from the fire department for work on an oil clean up. Once we receive the bill, it will be submitted to the oil company responsible for the spill. J.Wilfong is working with the USDA for reimbursement of the Shell Pond Road project. The Deer Hill Rd issue was discussed in depth, the rainy weather conditions have delayed road repairs.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 07-25 2023 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Boros