

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 06-14-2022

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 **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros **Secretary:** XXXXX

Road Agent: XXXX

Residents/Guests: Rob Flint, Broadband Liaison

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved from 05/24/2022 meeting with one correction, Town has spent \$5,040 of ARPA funds. (Approved as amended 3-0)

Clerks Business: Christine Carone is working on the application for the ARPA money that has been spent (\$5040). The process is arduous and she has not been able to get clear assistance from MMA or the MMA legal department, as they are still working to understand the process. She has been referred to Neil Goldberg at MMA who has not called back. She was required to complete a report, currently the April 30, 2022 report is filed indicating the funds have not been disbursed. At some point an updated report must be filed. The next report is due in one year.

The office will be open on Monday 6/20 because the office has to be closed on 6/21. Christine Carone, is willing to do this so that residents have some time this week to come to the town hall.

Treasures Report: I reached out to MMTCTA and learned that we are permitted to disburse payroll before a Selectman meeting. If the Selectmen approve the attached form, each year, I will be able to issue payroll as well as pay utility bills with a warrant signed by one selectman rather than two. The advantages are that employees are paid on a regular basis. (There is a state requirement to pay employees on a regular basis, unless they are notified beforehand). Going forward I would like to pay CC, NB and KP semimonthly on the 15th and 31st. **Motion to accept and approve 3-0.**

1. Warrant 24 Please approve the warrant for \$60,467.37, this amount includes MSAD 72's final June payment of \$41k.
2. The TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) is finalized and we can draw the \$300k at any time now. We need a few days' notice, I need to be in town and available. As stated prior, our interest rate this year is 2.65% per annum. This results in a total interest on the \$300k, of \$4,649 over a 6 month period. **Selectman approved a draw of \$150,000. Motion approved 3-0.**
3. I have completed an application with TD to be able to send ACH payments. TD is processing it.
4. Gas has reached \$5.00 per gallon. I suggest we reimburse travel at the IRS approved rate of .585 Jan to June and .625 per mile July 1 forward. **Selectmen approve at federal authorized rate, 3-0.**

Road Work: Cold patch work on the roads will be begin shortly. The Forest Service will be giving the town approximately \$28k for the Stone House Road. The Forest Service is currently installing culverts on the Evergreen Valley Road. On 6/15 work on Kezar Lake Road will begin including ditching and a culvert replacement. The next road to be worked on will be South Chatham, some culverts will be replaced. Union Hill will be getting an 18” culvert on the south end, as well as about 2500 of ditching on the north side, as well as replace more culverts.

Open Issues: ARPA FUNDS – The Town received a response stating the purchase of the generator for the town does classify for ARPA funding. Selectman Lindblade has made an appointment with a floor contractor to look at the floors in the Town Hall. They are considering a commercial grade carpet.

New Business: Robert Flint, Stow’s Broadband liaison, presented an update from the Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband. Contract and legal fees with Mission Broadband are currently estimated to be \$8,200 per town. (Original estimate was between \$7-\$10k). Cardinal Printing has a template of the flier. The board will distribute the fliers in town. Mission Broadband will collect data and create a plan so that the towns are ready to present to town meetings in spring 2023.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Boros