**Town of Stow**

Selectmen Meeting Minutes 11-09-2021

**Opening:** The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm in Stow, Maine by James Wilfong.

# Present

**Selectmen:** James Wilfong, Ray Ryan, Sheila Graves

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

**Road Agent:**

**Residents/Guests:** Maureen Riley- Budget Committee

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved

**Clerks Business:**

* Property abatement in the amount of $777.54 was approved.

**Treasures Report:**

* School payment for October was approved for payment.
* First installment for snow plow contract in the amount of $9168.00 was approved to be paid.

**Open Issues:**

* Town office needs a deep cleaning this spring. For now it should be cleaned once a week.
* Signs for Shell Pond Bridge have arrived. Jim Wilfong will coordinate getting them up.
* Septic will pumped this Friday.
* The town will receive 2 payments in the amount of $24,000.00 from the American Recovery Act. One this year and one next year.
* Carrie is working on updating the web site and adding a page to cover the recent activity, including correspondence, on the Kezar Lake Road.
* Forest Service package was sent out to receive $18,000.00 grant from the Forest Service.
* Town of Fryeburg signed off on the compliance for electric.

**New Business:**

* Selectman want to change the Ezra Heald Bridge account name to Bridge Account, this way it will cover all the bridges the town is responsible for.
* The Selectman will write a letter in support of the SAU 72 Broadband Coalition.
* Forest Service called Jim Wilfong and told them they had extra gravel and would be happy to tailgate spread it on Deer Hill Road, the town would have to fine grade it. This won’t happen till spring.
* Capital improvement grant was applied for in the amount of $10,000.00. A project that cost at least that much had to have been done. Jim Wilfong submitted the South Chatham Road project with bills.
* The mail box needs attention. It’s about to fall over.
* Jim Wilfong would like the whole planning board to be involved with the broadband planning, roads, and the conservation committee be involved with the planning board.
* Mission statements need to be made for each committee.
* Christine Carone suggested that there should be 5 persons on committees in an effort to promote engagement.

**Public Comment:**

* Maureen – Budget Committee wanted to let the selectmen know that no one was available to attend selectmen meetings from the budget committee in the month of December.
* Maureen Conservation Committee: There was an incident at the town triangle. Someone drove through the triangle and hit the Christmas tree, damaging the lights and limbs. Several items were left at the scene, a fridge, plow frame, etc. Maureen called the sheriffs and reported the damage. Steve Dupris cleaned up the mess.

**Executive Session:** 7:15-7:30

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday November 23, 2021 at 6:00

Minutes submitted by Carrie Garland