

**Arrowsic Board of Selectmen
Minutes, May 11, 2020**

The meeting, which was conducted via Zoom, was called to order at 7.10 pm

Present: Sukey Heard, DeeDee Jorgensen, Walter Briggs, Mary McDonald, Jon Biehler, John White sr., Barbara Boyce, Michael Kreindler, Sheila Spear, Will Neilson, Ken Hnottavange-Telleen, Don Kornrumpf, Kathleen O'Brien

Warrant #21, for \$46,657.49, moved by DeeDee, seconded by Sukey, was approved unanimously.

Minutes for April 27, 2020, moved by Sukey, seconded by DeeDee were approved unanimously as amended.

Town Warrant and Annual Report

The Town lawyer is reviewing language for articles concerning the Broadband project. The Selectmen' Report is in progress. The LD1 number has been calculated. Mary will send County and RSU1 budget figures to Sheila who will incorporate them in the final version of the warrant to send to Laurie.

The Town Meeting cannot be held in person as long as the limit of 50 for public meetings is still in place.

Town Hall Hours and Services

It was agreed that current level of services appears to be working well, and that there appears to be no pressure to open up for office hours in the near future. The major issues at present concern the conduct of the upcoming elections.

Ad Hoc Broadband Committee

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Will Neilson and Don Kornrumpf to the Ad Hoc Broadband Committee. They are working currently on an action plan, and to hire a project management company. Bids so far from two interested companies have come in too high for the budget but they are continuing negotiations and hope to finalize this by early next week. If the outcome is more than budgeted they would plan that the overage would be paid out of future earnings. There is also an outstanding payment to the consultant of \$16,000 which, while an allowable expense, was not explicitly included in the original budget. The Board agreed that if the USDA does not agree to allow this payment to ask the Town to set aside the money, to be reimbursed from future revenues. Sukey thanked Will, Don and Ken on their incredible dedication and hard work for this project.

CEO Search Actions

Sheila and Sukey will work on language for job postings.

Fire Barn repairs

The Board approved unanimously the Properties Committee proposal to make needed repairs to the Fire Barn doors, damaged by snow and neglect. Michael reported that the rear door of the Fire Station is suffering from similar damage and should be repaired before long. It will be added to the 'plan ahead' portion of the Board agenda.

Town Hall floor

The Properties committee has information on the costs of refinishing the Town Hall floor, including moving and storing the furniture, but has deferred the project into the next fiscal year.

Septic tank line preservation

Sheila reported that she had written to Mark Jorgenson letting him know that the Board is ready to move forward with this project when he has time to fit it into his schedule.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8.17 pm

Planning ahead:

- Regularize committee appointments
- IT policy review (passwords)
- Inquiry about M5/L1
- Spirit of America Award (due June 30)
- Plan for new comprehensive plan process in 2022 (proposal to Town Meeting 2021)
- Snow shoveling for the rear door of the Fire Station and the Fire Barn door.
- CEO Search
- Deputy Tax Collector search