

Arrowsic Select Board

Minutes

December 14, 2021

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Sheila Spear, Don Kornrumpf, Brett Jensen, Ken Hnottevange-Telleen, Don Hudson

Minutes of November 23, 2021 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Warrant #11 for \$122,202.15 was approved unanimously.

Abatements

Motions to approve the following adjustments were moved by Will, seconded by DeeDee, and approved unanimously.

- Deborah and Randy Johnson, and Jonathan Schau. Their Homestead exemptions had not been applied.
- Robert Ater. The exemption had been applied on the wrong property. An abatement as approved for Map 6 Lot 10, and a supplemental tax assessed for Map 6 Lot 4.
- Nancy Kaake, who had been sent a bill for a property she does not own.
- Marguerite Kahl/Reskegan Properties. Two lots had been merged, and the assessor agreed that the assessment was too high, so land value was lowered resulting in a tax abatement of \$77.33.

Municipal Valuation return

This has been completed and requires the signature of Select Board members. DeeDee will leave it at the town hall.

Trash Pick-up schedule.

Katie Smith reported that the Recycling and Solid waste Committee was discussing the Pick up schedule, and considering proposing a change to year-round biweekly pickup. This would save the Town close to \$4000, reduce environmental impact caused by the trucks and reduce confusion over the biweekly schedule. The current contract ends June 30. Any such change should be decided by Town Meeting.

ABA Update – Don, Ken, Don

CCI Pole Attachment contract has been seen by the town's lawyers who suggested some minor modifications. It was agreed that time is most crucial at this point and that ABA will have further discussions with CCI, but will not risk delays by submitting minor comments to CCI which will necessitate review by the CCI legal department.

ABA is hoping to use a letter of support from Bath Savings rather than getting a bond or irrevocable letter of credit issued.

Contract with Tilson lacks sufficient detail in the proposal so ABA is asking for clarification and considering looking at another company. An employee of Finley Engineering has been looking at what will be required to connect each home to the network.

USDA filing: The June 2021 report to USDA is now with USDA and the ABA will soon be up to date with subsequent USDA quarterly reports. Once this is routinized, it should only take 2-4 hours per quarter in future.

The Board conditionally approved the procedure for payments requiring reimbursement by USDA before vendors get paid, but acknowledged this likely will not always be practical.

DeeDee will attend the upcoming Staff meeting on behalf of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.44 pm.