

Arrowsic Board of Selectmen (draft) Minutes, October 14 2019

Present: Sukey Heard, Walter Briggs, DeeDee Morse, Mary McDonald, Sheila Spear, Jack White

Warrant #7, for \$8,372.05, was approved and signed.

TRIO/Payport and credit cards

Sukey reported on the difficulties obtaining detailed records of payments received via Payport. Sheila will call town officials in nearby towns to see how they handle this.

Mil Rate and Commitment Process

The new mil rate was set at 9.4%. The Board will confirm the commitment on November 25.

2020 Taxpayers list online

The Board agreed to put the 2020 taxpayers' list online. The information will be downloaded from TRIO.

Tax Maps

Sukey is exploring alternative suppliers for printing updated tax maps.

The Warrant for the RSU1 Election for Board of Directors on November 5 2019 was signed.

6:30 Hearing to approve 2020 General Assistance Standards

The Board meeting was temporarily suspended, and the Special Meeting to consider the 2020 General Assistance Standards was called to order. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed and the 2020 Standards were approved and signed. The regular meeting was re-opened.

Minutes for September 23, 2019, were approved as amended.

IT Report

Jack reported that there continued to be backup failures. The constant movement of the TRIO computer could be part of the problem, and he recommended its replacement with a more robust machine. He has consulted with Consolidated Communications, who reported that the problem is with the modem: currently the download speed is 10 MBs but the upload speed is only 1MB. Consolidated Communications proposed an upgrade, to a download speed of 50 MBs with upload at 20MBs, at a lower price than we are presently paying (\$87/month rather than the current \$92/month).

The Board approved updating with Consolidated Communications' proposal as outlined. The proposal to purchase a new computer will be taken up in the new year.

Sukey raised the issue of cyber security, including the need for passwords. Jack will report back on this.

Acknowledging Indigenous People's Day

It was agreed that we would work to make sure our community is ready to acknowledge Indigenous Peoples Day by this time next year. In the meantime Sheila will contact elected officials for their suggestions.

Maine's 200th anniversary celebration, March 14, 2020

Karin Sadtler has suggested the community consider a community dinner. The Board agreed to ask her to investigate what this would involve, and suggested she write an article for the upcoming edition of The Arrow to recruit interest and volunteers.

Marijuana sales

Sukey reported on a workshop she had recently attended. The Board agreed to take no action at this moment.

Commercial clam licenses

The Shellfish Committee has recommended issuance of 3 commercial clam licenses, the same number as last year. The Department of Marine Resources has approved.

Financial Management Policy

Sheila reported that the policy approved in March had omitted the CEO in paragraph 1.1 (Cash, receiving Funds). It was agreed to make this correction and repost the policy document.

Old business

Septic tank freezing problem: the Board is looking to the Properties Committee for their recommendation.

Mail

The 2020 State Valuation has been received. It is slightly lower than our valuation. Sukey will discuss with Bill vanTuinen.

The Midcoast Humane Society has increased its charge for 2020 from \$1.15 to \$1.30 per head, and announced that this will increase by 2% per year going forward.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7.36 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Spear

Planning ahead:

- Use for bicentennial monies
- IFW (Moses?)
- Regularize committee appointments
- IT policy review (passwords)
- Inquiry about M5/L1
- Landscaping of Town Hall steps before winter
- Septic tank insurance coverage
- Transfer of email management to IT.