

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

August 27, 2018

Present: Sukey Heard, Bill Savedoff, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald, Carlos Barrionuevo, Peter Degnan, Nancy Prisk, Ken Hnottavange-Telleen, David Tudor, Bob Ater, Mark Geiger, Phine Ewing, Jon Biehler

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #4 (\$54,838.61) was reviewed, approved and signed. Sukey has agreed to be the backup signator on the Bath Savings Institution checking account. The Selectmen authorized Sukey to sign change order from Ed Blaiklock for additional work for \$1,933 and Mary to cut the check.

Minutes:

Minutes for 08/13/18 were reviewed and approved as amended.

3 Bridged Islands Broadband Committee Update:

The Broadband Committee presented the most recent information regarding the scope and estimated cost of the project as determined by Axiom in their report. The project makes sense financially if there is a 50-60% take-rate of households in the three towns, which the committee is working to quantify. Once that threshold is crossed, there is the potential for positive cash flow, which would be divided among the towns. There will, however, be an upfront cost for the infrastructure, which will need to be covered through financing of some sort. The committee is also working to finalize the legal form of the owning(?) entity. The Selectmen questioned what liability the Town(s) assume as part of the agreement and what the worst-case scenario would be. In the short-term, the committee is looking for a written statement of support from the Select board and \$8,000-\$10,000 from the three towns to cover anticipated legal expenses.

Sewall Pond Issues:

Bob Ater and Mark Geiger attended to discuss the continuing issues from visitors to the eastern shore of Sewall Pond. There have always been late night noise issues and issues related to dangerous swimming and diving practices but it has become a more popular and raucous spot this summer. There have also been more illegal fires. Bob and Mark do their best to call Sag dispatch if they see flames or disperse folks by force of personality if too noisy. There was a discussion of whether the tree is a liability for the town since it is being used as a jumping off point. The signage indicates that the area is only open dawn to dusk but that is not the practice. We talked about the merits and downsides of ticketing and towing cars on Old Stage Road (need an ordinance to do so) or cutting the tree. The Selectmen will schedule a site walk prior to the next meeting to review the situation on the ground.

Rapid Renewal:

Jon Biehler attended to present his recommendations for on-line registration of vehicles, payment of property taxes and boat registrations. The Rapid Renewal system allows only re-registrations to be processed on-line. The Selectmen enthusiastically approved in hopes of improving efficiency and customer service during Town Hall hours.

Assessor of the Year Award:

Our Assessor is set to receive this award on September 6, a ceremony that Mary and Sukey intend to attend.

IT Tales:

The Selectmen discussed the level and type of IT support that the town needs to keep our municipal hardware and software safe and functioning. Bill has had a preliminary discussion with a consultant who may be able to provide these services. He plans to meet with him to gather additional information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard