

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

November 27, 2023

As Approved on December 11, 2023

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger, Don Hudson, Jeff Galuza, Karen Robbins

Attended via Zoom: Steve Bonine, Don Kornrumpf, Jon Biehler, Michael Kreindler, Denise Parker

Call to Order: 6:01pm by Walter

Agenda: Reviewed & approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on November 13, 2023, approved with a date correction on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Treasurer's Warrant FY24 #10 for \$12,557.30 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- ABA Warrant #4 for \$165,758.00 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority update – Don Kornrumpf:

- The contract deadline for “mostly completed” is soon and if not met there will be a daily fine. Mostly completed is having the central office up and running, and a good number (not defined) of homes connected.
- Full completion date is January 15, 2024. All homes are to be connected by that date.
- Brief update meetings are occurring on Wednesdays at 4:30pm.
- Little Barn upgrades are progressing. The budget is approximately \$8,000 out of MCA funds. The heat pump is the major item and may not be available until January.
- An invoice for \$224 was received for repairs to the line to the Little Barn. To be paid by Axiom.
- A reporting system is being set up for Axiom and Hawkeye to report weekly on progress.
- Tranche B has been submitted; tranche C will arrive in December.

Town staff & volunteers:

- Animal Control Officer – no candidates.
- Properties Committee Chair – Jeff Galuza attended the meeting to learn what the position entails. He will initiate a meeting of the committee to see the response he receives and will be in touch with the Select Board.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 member & 2 alternates needed – no candidates.

Other business:

- Karen Robbins attended the meeting and reported that a \$4,000 grant was received from the Henry Foundation for the fish fund.

- An email was received from Tedford Housing to ask if Arrowsic would consider allocating some of our ARPA funds to their capital campaign. The \$44,000+ has not yet been allocated. The deadline to report on distribution of the funds is in the spring of 2024. Further discussion was tabled until early January 2024, pending answers to questions raised at this meeting. (See email on last page.)
- Education Committee Fundraisers – At Town Meeting in June 2023 Arrowsic residents voted to accept donations.
- The last Select Board meeting of 2023 is on the calendar for Christmas day, December 25. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 26 at 6:30pm.

Mail: None

Adjournment: 6:51pm

Next meeting: Monday, December 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator

Email received 11/16/2023:

Hello from Tedford Housing. I am Tedford's new Executive Director and first I want to say thanks to you and the selectboard in Arrowsic for including a gift to Tedford in your annual budget for some time now. It makes a difference in our ability to serve our neighbors who are facing the hardest circumstances.

I am reaching out because yesterday by chance I heard from Town of Harpswell that they are looking to make final decisions about allocations of remaining ARPA funds, and it would be a very good time for Tedford to formally request a town contribution to our capital campaign. We are very quickly pulling that together so that we don't miss this unique opportunity. And we are reaching out to other towns to see if they might be in a similar circumstance.

Can you advise as to whether or not Arrowsic has any unspent ARPA funds that for which a project like Tedford's might receive consideration?

Of course I appreciate every town faces fiscal headwinds these days. As you probably know Tedford's new emergency shelter facility is a once-in-a-generation public health infrastructure project and we are leaving no stone unturned in our effort to accelerate groundbreaking.

Please let me know what you think – feel free to call or I'm happy to make an appointment and stop by.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Best,
Andrew

Andrew Lardie (he/him) - [schedule an appointment with me](#)
Interim Executive Director

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