

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

February 26, 2024

As Approved on March 11, 2024

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger, Steve Bonine, Michael Kreindler, Chris Wilcoxson, Nick Stoneman, Bob Ater

Attended via Zoom: Denise Parker, Don Hudson, Andrea Galuza, Jon Biehler, Vicky Stoneman, Don Kornrumpf, Karen Robbins

Call to Order: 6:07pm by Walter

Agenda: Reviewed & approved

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on February 12, 2024, approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Treasurer's Warrant #17 for \$9,959.95 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- ABA Warrant #10 for \$92,601.74 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer following explanation of warrant by Don Hudson.
 - The total includes \$42,000 for materials needed to connect to households. The remainder is primarily for labor to build the network.
 - 94.2% of charges have been billed.
 - The final 10% of the cost of the network is being withheld pending inspection of the network.
 - The Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) has been asked to release tranche 3 (of 4), 35% or about \$350,000.
 - Interest is not being charged on the outstanding Axiom and Hawkeye invoices, which will be paid when the tranche is received.
 - The total project cost will be \$1.388M. The third tranche will pay for up to 90% of the project. The final 10% will be \$140,000.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) update – Don Kornrumpf:

- The project will end very close to budget.
- The additional 42 households will result in an additional \$24,000 in charges.
- ARPA funds are requested to ensure that all costs are covered.
- The potential cost of storm damage is being researched. Coverage for storm damage is very important for the viability of the project.

Town staff & volunteers:

- Animal Control Officer – no candidates.
- Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) Commissioner appointments:
 - Don Kornrumpf was appointed for a two-year term on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee. His term will end in June 2026. He needs to be sworn in.

- Don Hudson needs to be sworn in for his term ending in June 2025.
- Vince Capone's term will end in June 2027.

Other business:

- Water Access Management Committee – Bob Ater
 - An authorization letter from Flycatcher LLC was signed by Select Board members.
 - Permits to be obtained for house removal and possible garage removal.
 - Three estimates have been received for house removal and possible garage removal
 - \$27,700 to remove the house and \$6,800 to remove the garage or a total of \$34,500 from Ray Labbe & Sons.
 - \$26,000 to remove the house and \$3,000 to remove the garage or a total of \$29,000 from LEAF Construction.
 - \$20,100 to remove the house and \$4,300 to remove the garage or a total of \$24,400 from Brian Elwell.
 - Brian Elwell will be engaged to remove the house and garage.
 - A fuel tank in the basement of the house needs to be pumped.
 - Asbestos remediation is to be determined.
 - Approximately 30 trees need to be removed at an estimated cost of \$1,700.
 - The property will be cleaned at a cost of \$2,500.
- Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Chris Wilcoxson
 - Chris tendered his resignation but will work until the day he physically moves.
 - He feels that a full-time CEO could work for Woolwich, Arrowsic, and Georgetown, with Woolwich and Georgetown each bearing 45% of the cost and Arrowsic bearing 10%, based on his experience as the CEO for all three towns.
- Allocation of ARPA Funds – A workshop to discuss allocation is proposed, to take place in the next month or two, possibly in conjunction with the budget workshop which will take place after March 30. Final allocation will be approved at the June Town Meeting.
- Town Meeting date – tabled until the March 11 meeting.
- CEO sharing between Georgetown, Woolwich, and Arrowsic to be pursued. Jennifer will be the point person.

Mail:

- None

Adjournment: 7:20pm on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.

Next meeting: Monday, March 11, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator