

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes
January 24, 2023
As Approved on February 13, 2023

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Steve Bonine, Denise Parker

Attended via Zoom: Don Kornrumpf, David Beberman, Barbara Boyce, Jon Biehler, Karin Sadtler

Call to Order: 6:01pm by Walter Briggs

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

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on January 10, 2023, approved on a motion by Will, seconded by DeeDee.
- Treasurer's Warrant #14 for \$31,258.11 approved on a motion by Will, seconded by DeeDee.
- ABA Warrant #8 for \$1,374.70 approved on a motion by Will, seconded by DeeDee. To cover the items for payment on this warrant and on ABA Warrant #7, transfer of \$10,000 from the broadband gift account to the ABA operating account, was approved on a motion by Will, seconded by DeeDee.

Town staff & volunteers:

- An Arrowsic representative to the Patton Free Library Board is needed. To be appointed by the Select Board for a one-year term in 2024.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority update – Don Kornrumpf:

- Don reported that Arrowsic's application to the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) for a grant of \$966,912 from federal ARPA funds has been approved by the MCA Board. Together with the \$500,000 gift for broadband from a generous friend of Arrowsic, this should allow the Town to build its fiber optic broadband network without incurring debt, as would be the case with the USDA Loan/Grant. Don is waiting to hear back from the MCA on how to proceed before beginning the process of withdrawing from the USDA program. Arrowsic owes USDA \$24,000.

- Make ready for all areas except the central area of Town is expected to be completed by the end of February. That central area includes a pole that CMP has identified as needing to be replaced, which is slated for April completion.
- The goal is for broadband to be completed in 2023.
- The ABA and its volunteers are working on a multi-channel (including a snail mail postcard) plan for communicating how to sign up, subscription rates, and soliciting information about whether a property will need underground or aerial connection to the network.

Other business: None

Mail: None

Adjournment: 6:49pm on a motion by DeeDee, seconded by Will.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator