

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

April 25, 2023

As Approved on May 9, 2023

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Steve Bonine, Chris Wilcoxson, Tom Spear, Dan Cassidy

Attended via Zoom: Don Kornrumpf, Jon Biehler, Denise Parker

Call to Order: 6:02pm by Walter

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

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on April 11, 2023 approved with a minor revision related to the solar proposal on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Will.
- Treasurer's Warrant #20 for \$11,276.03 approved on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.
- ABA (Ops account) Warrant #11 for \$870.00 approved on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) update – Don Kornrumpf:

- Good progress is being made with MCA. The legal structure is favorable to contracting with Axiom; they can subcontract with Hawkeye. May have a signed contract with MCA next week.
- Make ready – CMP is ready except for five poles to be replaced by CCI. No response as to the timeframe for pole replacement from CCI. CMP feels this may delay the project by a month.
- ABA group met on April 20 and discussed signup and marketing. Once the MCA contract is final letters will be sent to residents for early signup. Mailing of letters is anticipated for the second week of May.
- Axiom will do the aerial and clean conduit work. Anything else will be done by another company.

Town staff & volunteers:

- ABA staffing – Will & Don will discuss the treasurer/bookkeeper position this week. A new accountant is also needed. Will plans to ask Bath Housing for the name of the firm they use.
- Animal Control Officer – a job description has been found. Denise & DeeDee will simplify it. Andrew Jones will be approached to assume the role.
- Education Committee Chair – Denise is awaiting receipt of the job description from former chair, Camille Kauffunger.

Town meeting:

- Annual town report status – awaiting only a couple of reports. The Planning Board ordinance may need to be an insert.

Other business:

- Codes update – Chris Wilcoxson
 - 15 permits building permits were issued – 1 dock and some accessory structures. No primary structures.
 - Brian Elwell is making good progress on the consent agreement items.
 - Map 4 Lot 3 – the foundation has been in place for a year & the building permit has expired. Chris will meet with the owner soon.
- Climate Resilience Committee priorities – Tom Spear
 - Route 127: top priority to raise to allow egress with flooding. Maine DOT is already planning to do this at their expense and is holding a public meeting to discuss in fall 2023, while the work itself is scheduled for 2026.
 - We've also discussed with the Road Commission paying attention to intersecting town roads and driveways in the affected area, including Vale, Sirois, Field, Stone Tree, Sasanoa, etc. to see if we can fold these into the state project (see also below).
 - PPI/DOT grants to improve town roads prone to flooding, including Sirois, Indian Point, and Spinny Mill.
 - Municipal Project Initiative (MPI) grants to make town buildings more efficient. This could include heat pumps for Town Hall, the fire station, and the ABA shed. We are also looking into insulation of Town Hall, which could be the town's cost-sharing part of the grant.
 - Revision Energy will install solar panels, targeting 2024 as they are booked through 2023. The Properties Committee and Climate Resilience Committee will work together on this priority.
- Keys – Because it's unknown who has keys to Town Hall, which may result in security and insurance issues, Denise will discuss lock replacement with Malcolm Persen. A sign out sheet will be created to track disbursement and recovery of keys for Town Hall, little barn, and others.

Mail: None

Adjournment: 7:04pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator