

Arrowsic Board of Selectmen Minutes

January 27, 2020

Present: Sukey Heard, Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Mary McDonald, Sheila Spear, Jack White, John Hentz, Joe Bonnett, Alison Heppler, Mackenzie Kersbergen

Warrant #14 for \$149,085.02, was approved and signed.

Minutes for the January 13, 2020 were approved as amended.

A Limited Use Agreement between the Conservation Commission and the Maine Department of Transportation (M-DOT) concerning placement of posts within the Route 127 right of way, was approved and signed.

6:30 Wilder Bridge repairs

Mackenzie Kersbergen, M-DOT Project Manager, outlined the plans for repairs of the Wilder Bridge. The repairs involve replacement of the road surface and some repair to bridge joints. It is anticipated that work will begin in mid-June and may continue for as much as four months and require one-way traffic on the bridge throughout the reconstruction. Discussion focused on the control of traffic lights. It may be necessary to acquire pre-emption devices to allow emergency vehicles to override the lights or for DOT to allow the Dispatch Center to override as was the case in the 2002 bridge repairs.

Properties Committee

The Board reviewed the Properties Committee. It was agreed that the report is a considerable contribution to the town and provides a blueprint for future management of the town's properties. The funding suggestions, when finalized, will be considered as part of the town's 2020 budget as a whole. In the meantime the Board suggested that the Committee prioritize its initial projects, and consider a target budget request of between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Sukey will inform Malcolm Persen, Chair of the Committee.

Abatement applications

The Board reviewed applications and made the following decisions:

Approved an abatement of \$188 to Kevin Bachman because their homestead exemption had not been applied.

Denied the application for an abatement from Sharon Spigel.

Approved an abatement of \$13,000 in valuation and a consequent reduction in taxes of \$129.72 for Karin Robbins.

Approved an abatement of \$61,000 in valuation and a consequent reduction in taxes of \$579.04 for Jack Witham and Jody Jones.

Approved an abatement of \$75,000 in valuation and a consequent reduction in taxes of \$705 for Edward and Jo Bradley.

Town Hall items

Sheila is now in charge of administration of the Town Message system from Paul Kalkstein who has helped her to learn how to manage it. The Board thanked Paul for his many years of working to ensure the ability of the town to communicate on a regular basis.

The ad hoc bicentennial group has about 15 volunteers and is planning a community potluck and contra dance on Saturday March 14th from 5-7:30 pm.

The Properties committee will be informed of the problems with the front door at its meeting on Tuesday 1/28.

The Board approved the circulation of an advisory notice from AARP about the upcoming 2020 Census before the census date of April 1, 2020.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8.15 pm.

Planning ahead:

- Tax maps
- Use for bicentennial monies
- IFW (Moses?)
- Regularize committee appointments
- IT policy review (passwords)
- Inquiry about M5/L1
- Aging Healthy Arrowsic (AHA!) status