

Arrowsic Board of Selectmen Minutes

March 9, 2020

Present: Sukey Heard, Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Mary McDonald, Sheila Spear, Karin Sadtler

Warrant #17 for \$63,596.78 was approved and signed.

Minutes of February 24, 2020 were approved as amended.

Broadband update

Sukey reported on the conference call with the town's auditors earlier today. It was agreed that the town should set up a dedicated department, to be approved at Town Meeting, and that the Select Board should appoint the person who would oversee the project.

The Town's environmental impact statement has been approved.

The Arrowsic Broadband Committee will meet with the Treasurer to go over guidelines. Any work done by the Treasurer on the project should be documented and will be reimbursed.

Corona Virus preparedness

The Town Health Officer, Christine Woodman, has prepared a document that could be distributed to Town residents. CDC and MMA weblinks will be added to the town website. It was agreed to wait until Thursday before making a decision about the March 14 Community Potluck after consulting with Christine.

Maine's 200th potluck

Eloise Vitelli has agreed to offer a statement of territorial acknowledgement.

Ash Kahrl has printed a small collection of cards with a picture of the Town Hall. These would be offered for sale at the Potluck.

It was agreed that the event might have to be cancelled. A decision will be made on Thursday.

Bicentennial monies

- The Board agreed to spend \$500 for a presentation of the Wabanaki REACH organization's interactive workshop: Exploring Wabanaki Maine History. It was agreed that this would be an appropriate addition during a year of celebrating the state's history. Concerning the date, Sheila shared a handout concerning the 1717 Arrowsic conference between Wabanaki leaders and Governor Shute (of Squirrel Point fame) began on August 9th. It falls on a Sunday this year. It might be better to wait until September, but no decision was made.
- Purchase of a conference table/work station for the Town Hall. Staff will continue to look for an appropriate item.

Animal Control Officer

ACO has reached out to Town for a list of delinquent dogs.

Sewall contract

M.W. Sewall has completed an annual maintenance check of the Town Hall furnace. Sheila will ask them to send contracts for our records concerning both the propane deliveries and the annual maintenance and service.

2020 Town Warrant due mid-April

- Town Report - Walter will make a start on the Select Board statement
- Budget items - after committee and other budget requests received (April 1)
- Staff salaries – the 2018 recommendations were distributed
- Tax maps- these will be included in 2021 budget

Town Hall items

- Town emails update – most seem to be functioning at this time
- CEO and Deputy Tax Collector recruitment – further postings

Aging Healthy Arrowsic (AHA!) status

The AHA group has decided not to ask for official status at this time, but to continue as present. They will continue to be able to use the Town Hall for events – though with careful consideration of the needs of staff for access; and to access to the town message system.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7.47 pm.

Planning ahead:

- Regularize committee appointments
- IT policy review (passwords)
- Inquiry about M5/L1