

Arrowsic Board of Selectmen Minutes April 13, 2020

Present: Sukey Heard, Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jack White, Mary McDonald, Sheila Spear

Approval of Warrant #19 for \$48,289.08, moved by DeeDee, seconded by Walter, was agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2020, moved by Walter, seconded by DeeDee, was agreed unanimously.

Virtual meetings

It was agreed to purchase a corporate edition of the Zoom conference software so that meetings can be held for more than 40 minutes.

Town Meeting

It was agreed to defer a decision on postponing the June 18 Town Meeting until the April 27 Board meeting.

2021 Budget

The cutoff date for 2019-20 reports will be March 31, 2020 and for the warrant will be April 13, 2020. Sukey proposed adding funding for an assistant CEO.

Broadband update

Discussions with USDA continue. While the Board has approval to sign the agreement, there will probably need to be a request to Town Meeting for additional funding approval.

Annual Report update

There are still a number of items outstanding, including the Select Board Report. Laurie hopes to send the first draft, (complete except for Warrant articles which are due to Laurie by May 4), to the Select Board for consideration at its meeting on April 27, so items must be received by her well before then. The final copy should go to Bath Printing on May 18, after final approval by the Board on May 14.

New comprehensive plan

The Board agreed that the comprehensive plan should be updated, but given the daunting nature of our current situation, and the complexity of the planning process, it was agreed to commit to put together a process over the next year, with a view to bringing a proposal to the Town Meeting in 2021.

Town Hall floor

The Properties Committee has begun the process of finding a contractor, but there are several decisions to be made before the project can proceed.

Education Committee

- Current members of the Education Committee are retiring or at the end of their terms.
- 2 Scholarship applications have been received.

Mail

Sukey reported that the State Refund Ratio has been set at 74% but we will work toward having the full 100%.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7.03 pm

Planning ahead:

- Regularize committee appointments
- IT policy review (passwords)
- Inquiry about M5/L1
- Spirit of America Award
- June 18 Town Meeting
- Ratio