

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

August 14, 2023

As Approved on August 28, 2023

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger, Steve Bonine, Denise Parker, Josephine Ewing

Attended via Zoom: Don Kornrumpf, Janet Persen, Jon Biehler, Michael Kreindler

Call to Order: 6:10pm by Walter Briggs

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

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on July 25, 2023 approved with a change to short-term rental language on a motion by Jennifer seconded by Walter.
- Treasurer's Warrant FY23 #27 for \$135,929.22 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Treasurer's Warrant FY24 #3 for \$135,100.31 approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) – Don Kornrumpf

- Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) agreement has been agreed; awaiting approval of Axiom & ABA to the Construction and updated Service Agreement contracts. If signed, submitted, and approved by MCA by August 18 a check will be sent to the town next week.
- Hawkeye is using Advantage Utilities as a major construction subcontractor. Ace Detective & Security Agency is also subcontracted for flagging services.
- October 15, 2023 is the target completion date for hanging fiber. The Substantial Completion date is anticipated to be October 31, 2023. Target completion date for connecting to homes is December 15, 2023. The final completion date for the entire project is January 15, 2024.
- Four or five firms have been lined up to do trenching work for conduits at properties needing one.
- Revenue split with Axiom will be as follows:
 - 55% Axiom/45% Arrowsic for the first two years.
 - 60% Axiom/40% Arrowsic during years two to five.
 - The split will be negotiated at the end of five years, if not agreed that 60%/40% will remain.
- A Town Meeting will be needed to switch funding from the USDA to MCA.
- Don will check with the appropriate contacts regarding connecting the Town Hall and the Fire Station.

Town staff & volunteers:

- Animal Control Officer – no candidates
- Education Committee – chair and four members identified. First meeting will be held on August 22, 10:00am, at Town Hall.
- Properties Committee Chair – no candidates
- Webmaster – two volunteers have contacted Walter

Any other business:

- Town Hall door locks – estimate for front door keypad & rekeying all other door locks for \$1,469.97 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Sagadahoc County Treasurer’s Tax Statement for Arrowsic in the amount of \$193,570 signed by the Select Board members.
- Fireproof file cabinet for the Tax Collector – purchase approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- One year proposal from Green Pest Defense for \$350 initial treatment and \$55/month approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Water Access Committee – Josephine Ewing:
 - A motion to accept grants awarded for water access was approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.
 - Per the signed purchase & sale agreement, the sale must be completed by November 8, 2023.
 - A special Town Meeting will be needed to vote on whether or not purchase the property in question, as well as to approve the funding plan to be presented.
- The Select Board recognizes Ren Kauffunger and Charli Ware for spearheading the clam flat cleanup and creation of a sculpture using trash found during the cleanup.

Mail:

- A thank you note from Ruth Hart, a recipient of a scholarship to be used for higher education, was reviewed.

Adjournment: The meeting went into executive session at 7:00pm on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator