

## **Arrowsic Select Board Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

**As Approved on March 28, 2023**

**Present:** Due to inclement weather, all participants joined the meeting via Zoom.

**Attended via Zoom:** Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Steve Bonine, Don Kornrumpf, Nadine de Vries, Katie Smith, Jon Biehler, Karin Sadtler, Dan Cassidy, Denise Parker

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**Call to Order:** 6:01on by Walter

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

### **Items for approval:**

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on February 28, 2023, approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Will.
- Treasurer's Warrant #17 for \$71,293.09 approved on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.
- ABA Warrant #10 (Ops account) for \$19.50 approved on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.
- ABA Warrant #10 (PD account) for \$3,561.21 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Will.

### **Town staff & volunteers:**

- Animal Control Officer – A job description is needed; DeeDee may check with MMA. DeeDee may have a candidate.
- Education Committee Chair – Role remains open. Denise will talk with a couple of neighbors. There are six high school seniors this year.

### **Town meeting:**

- Committee reports needed by March 17, 2023 – progress is being made, although many reports are still outstanding.
- Ordinances and financials won't be ready by March 17. The Budget Workshop to be held, probably the second week of April.

### **Arrowsic Broadband Authority update – Don Kornrumpf:**

- Don K, Don Hudson, and Ken Hnottavange Telleen met with our new USDA contact person, Jessica Beal Hamilton GFR, based in Bangor. The opportunity to eliminate debt via "Maine" funding was discussed, including a substantial private donation and MCA funding. We will need to only use donated funds to repay the \$24,064 loan balance. While the loan/grant agreement provides for a lien on ABA assets, it is not clear whether any document has been filed as ABA has no "hard assets" at the moment. Will and Don will review.

- Positive feedback was received in a meeting with MCA representatives David Wedick CFO, Attorney Elizabeth, and Mr. Y.
- Kristin Collins of Preti Flaherty, also Town Attorney for Vienna ME, is drafting an Axiom contract for construction and ISP. We may or may not combine with Vienna but will probably remain separate. Vienna should pick up fees for the initial work.
- The southern and middle sections of town have been granted CCI licenses. Awaiting completion of the work in the northern end of town which was due 2/13/2023. Harry Loring of CCI was emailed for follow-up.
- If fiber is available, construction should start in the May/June 2023 timeframe.
- Some update detail will be included in the Arrow and early sign up materials should be sent by mid-April.
  
- **Other business:**
- Solar donation – a proposal for \$12,000 was received and the project is moving forward.
- Proposed update to the Solid Waste Ordinance – Nadine de Vries reviewed the proposed updates:
  - Increased emphasis on reduce/reuse.
  - Address “inappropriate disposal” (i.e. Hazmat in trash).
  - Add bookkeeper role (more effort and responsibility than secretary, but not currently an official role).
  - Emphasize awareness rather than punitive response to non-compliance. Allow more flexibility for the committee and Select Board to manage noncompliance. For chronic, flagrant noncompliance, increase the fine (from current \$10/occurrence) to a more meaningful amount.
  - Add that landlords are required to ensure that renters comply with the ordinance.
  - Will suggested reaching out to MMA; Nadine will do so.
- Elwell invoice – A breakdown from Brian is needed for the balance as of June 2021. Walter will follow up with Brian.
- LD130 (remittance of car registration fees to the state) – DeeDee, Steve, and Rachel met to discuss possible solutions, one of which is to hold the report sent to the State until after the Warrant is approved.
- Swap Shop – It has been proposed to use the front half of the fire barn for the Swap Shop. Don K is fine with this, if security of the ABA equipment in the back half is tightly controlled.

**Mail:**

- A \$25 fine has been levied by the Labor Department for failure to file an audit last year. Denise will follow up to find out what audit wasn't filed.

**Adjournment:** 6:41pm on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker  
Town Administrator