

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

October 2, 2023

As Approved on October 9, 2023

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger, Barbara Boyce, Mark Spalding, Angela Braestrup

Attended via Zoom: Steve Bonine, Denise Parker, Jon Biehler, Karin Sadtler

Call to Order: 6:00pm by Walter

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

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on September 11, 2023, approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Treasurer's FY24 Warrant #6 for \$9,495.29 approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.

Town staff & volunteers:

- Animal Control Officer – no candidates
- Properties Committee Chair – no candidates

Arrowsic Broadband Authority update – Don Kornrumpf:

- Axiom finally produced the draft Performance and Payment bonds, which appear acceptable to me, but subject to legal review. MCA flipped their view on the requirement for such bonds and now require them. This adds cost to the project, the burden of which needs to be resolved.
 - Version 13 of the MCA grant agreement received, reviewed, and sent to Kristin with comments. No major issues but many questions regarding reporting after the fact which I believe can be met from ABA QuickBooks accounts and Axiom technical reports.
 - The Axiom Services agreement was reviewed again with few changes.
 - The Axiom Construction Contract is basically agreed except for the connections and final modifications to the Little Barn. which are under discussion.
- The number of signups is an outstanding 138 with 16 pending. Our MCA budget year 1 is 152 takes. ABA mailed out postcard notices to those without a known email late last week. Very encouraging.
- Hawkeye has set most of the main lines and will be starting drops. We will ask Axiom to confirm dates for the arrival of electronic Central Office Equipment. Axiom and Hawkeye have confirmed a January 15, 2024, final completion date for an up and running system.
- Issues:
 - Home drops - Must try to do before first deep frost. Hawkeye is marking connections.

- Central Office - Hawkeye/Axiom have modified Central Office. Climate control and security issues to be resolved. Involving Properties Committee. Goal is to keep costs within budget and timeline.
- Timing and amounts of budget changes with MCA.

Other business:

- Special Town Meeting Warrant – discussion tabled.
- A couple of issues need to be nailed down prior to Assessor Jessica Westhaver returns on October 18:
 - Harcourt parcel
 - Taking a property out of tree growth

Mail:

- Midcoast Humane Society contract for services signed by Select Board.

Adjournment: 6:16pm on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.

Next meeting: Monday, October 9, 2023, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator