

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

October 23, 2023

As Approved on November 13, 2023

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger

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

Call to Order: 6:03pm by Walter

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

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on October 9, 2023, approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Treasurer's Warrant FY24 #8 for \$202,980.19 approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.
- ABA Warrant FY24 #2 for \$347,029 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) update – Don Kornrumpf:

- A tranche of \$347,029 was received from the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA).
- The ABA has more than \$600,000 in the bank at this time (prior to paying Warrant #2).
- Some Axiom/Hawkeye invoices (\$33,853 + \$181,033 = \$215,852) are being deferred until the second MCA tranche is ready for submission in a week or two. Payment of these Axiom/Hawkeye invoices will be held up until we have an added \$200,582, reach the Tranche B amount of 30% of the total grant or \$416,434.
- The network construction will result in invoices being received for about the next eight weeks and will be paid every other week.
- A subcommittee of the ABA, including Michael Kreindler, is working on updated improvements to the Little Barn--heat pump, environmental control, sealing windows and doors, and improving security.
- One hundred forty-five Arrowsic residents have registered during the early sign-up period.
- The USDA grant agreement will be terminated soon and the \$24,000 owed will be paid back out of the remaining \$190,000 of the anonymous donation.

Town staff & volunteers:

- Animal Control Officer – no candidates
- Properties Committee Chair – no candidates
- Zoning Board of Appeals – the Select Board agreed to appoint Mark Spaulding to the Zoning Board of Appeals. One member and two alternate positions remain open.

Other business:

- Snow Plowing & Road Sanding Contract (Elwell) – approved and signed by Select Board. Steve requires invoices to pay for services.
- Comprehensive Plan created in 1989 – link to be posted on the website. Nick Stoneman may be interested in leading a committee to update the Comprehensive Plan. The committee membership and money to be allocated need to be approved at the June 2024 Town Meeting.
- Town of Arrowsic Official Seal – an article will be submitted for the next issue of The Arrow, soliciting submission of a seal design by January 1, 2024. Seal designs to be emailed to Walter. If necessary, an ad hoc committee will review submissions.
- Town Hall sound system – a system has been purchased and will be available at the next Select Board meeting.
- Special Town Meeting – the Select Board recommends that the town-owned parcel (Map 4, Lot 4) not be sold at this time, pending a needs assessment. Walter will create a statement to be read at the Special Town Meeting.

Mail:

- None

Adjournment: 6:56pm on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee

Next meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator