

**Arrowsic Select Board**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**February 22, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 6:08 PM following technical difficulty

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Brett Jensen, Phine Ewing, Don Hudson, Don Kornrumpf, Michael Kreindler, Barbara Boyce

**Review and approve agenda**

approved

**Items for Approval**

- **Minutes, February 8, 2021**
  - o approved
- **Treasurer's Warrant #16 for \$5,391.00**
  - o Approved - Michael to investigate the Reliance Bill for \$1464.46 before payment is delivered
- **ABA Warrant #3 for \$25,114.32**
  - o approved

**Town Audit completion status**

- Need to check if the ABA line of Credit info was sent to the accountants; Brett will check with Purdy Powers during his visit to their offices next Tuesday

**Town Staffing Status**

- No tax collector candidates currently; possibility of another town doing the tax collecting for us? Woolwich looking for one too (plus a clerk or town manager); Bath perhaps? Put another notice in the Arrow warning that people will have to go to another town if no one steps forward; Barbara will reach out to Mary MacDonald to see if she might be interested or have suggestions
- Town Administrator - Norma Elwell is willing to help out as Asst. Administrator as soon as Sheila is able to start training her; if Sheila not ready, SB members may have to train as best they can. DeeDee is looking in to how to pay an Asst Administrator when the position was not envisioned at the time of the last Town Meeting

**ABA Update - Don Kornrumpf**

- Don made reference to his memo dated Feb 8, as updated 2/20 which notes that the Pole Attachment Agreements ("PAAs") have been circulated and reviewed; our attorneys have commented on them; now we need to execute them
  - o Moved and approved: authorize Walter to sign PAAs

- CCI is likely to dispute the “Vitelli rule” and, more generally, PUC regulations which would require them to waive or discount annual pole attachment fees for underserved municipalities. ABA does not think it would be feasible for Arrowsic alone to try to be the test case in what would likely be a long court case, but we might be able to team up with other municipalities if there is interest – though we are not currently aware of any.
- Tilson has responded to Don’s email instructing them to stop work on the “one-touch make ready” survey because of USDA contract and budget allocation requirements. Don will negotiate with them one any partial payment.
- Ken & Don attended County Commissioner’s meeting to pitch for ARPA funds (not available till fall 2022). Our application would be to get funding for cost overruns due to inflation and USDA’s glacial contract approval pace. But we would have to get approval by USDA to accept funds from other federal government sources as apparently this is normally prohibited for the type of funding we have.
- The Board considered and unanimously approved a resolution drafted by the Town attorney authorizing execution of surety bonds as follows:

**“Resolved: To authorize Walter Briggs, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Town, to execute any and all documents necessary to obtain surety bonds for the benefit of Consolidated Communications, Inc. and Central Maine Power as obligees, to secure the obligations of the Town of Arrowsic and the Arrowsic Broadband Authority under pole attachment agreements to be entered into with each entity.”**

### **Range Lights property update**

- No posting yet for the property by the GSA
- Lisa Holley talked with the Conservation Commission and indicated the selling price was likely to be high. It is conceivable we might be able to buy the property, put an access easement on it and then resell it for most of what the Town paid, but that is uncertain and somewhat complicated
- Phine will investigate the possibility of a right of first refusal. It was noted “those usually cost money.”
- The Select Board and Town will be kept informed of any developments

### **Town Meeting Preparation Status Discussion**

- Will be held in Fire Station
- DeeDee has sent out most of the requests for committee reports to be submitted by April 1
- Dedication – to Dick Elwell, unanimously.
- Education Committee vacancy – still no one, but a prior committee chair is considering coming back
- IT person – outside contractor seems OK

- Bill van Tuinen available? Walter will check and report at next meeting; we don't want to unnecessarily add to turnover in town government functions.
- Comprehensive Plan revision project is not getting anyone stepping up to lead it

**Climate Resilience Project update - ACC** no need for updates in future

**Recycling Grant update - ARSWC** no need for this either

**Any Other Business** : none

Adjourned at 7:06 PM