

Arrowsic Board of Selectmen Minutes, May 25, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom. Present: Sukey Heard, Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Barbara Boyce, John White, Sheila Spear, Josephine Ewing, Paul Schlein, Will Neilson

Warrant #22 for \$5195.67, was approved unanimously (moved Dee, seconded Walter).

Minutes for May 5, 2020 and May 11, 2020 were approved unanimously (moved Dee, secondWalter).

Election preparations

Barbara reported on preparations for the July 14 elections. She is considering moving the location to the Fire Station in order to accommodate more people safely under Covid-19 recommendations. There are a number of steps that will have to be taken to do this, so it is not yet determined. Absentee balloting is being encouraged by many organizations and 42 applications for absentee ballots have been received so far; the ballots will be available in mid-June. Barbara will have to meet with individuals in the Town Hall if they request early voting.

Town Hall Hours and Services

The Board agreed to send a town email message confirming that the Town Hall would remain closed until further notice, but providing information to residents how to access services. The Board will ask Paul Kalkstein to make this message be the main subject on the Town website home page. Election information would also be on the home page and with a link to the clerk's page with further details. Sheila and Barbara will finalize the message and Sukey will send it to Paul.

Sewall Pond

An overflow of cars on the road near the Sewall Pond entrance on Old Stage Road on Friday had caused considerable concern. The Board discussed a number of options and will take further action.

Ad Hoc Broadband Committee

The Committee continues to work on documentation and is planning to proceed as soon as the funds arrive.

CEO Search Actions

Sheila reported that there is now a job description and a job search advertisement, that she has applied for an account with the Maine joblink, and will send the search ad to the other sites discussed earlier.

There are a number of other recruitment and succession matters which will be considered at the next meeting. Meanwhile Sheila and Jon are authorized to follow up on plans to invite a tax collector arrangement with another municipality.

Ambulance charges 2020-2021

The City of Bath Fire and Rescue Department has increased charges for the 2020-2021 fiscal year as follows: Response per call will increase from \$300 to \$305.40 per call. If no services are rendered after the BF/R Department is dispatched, the rate will increase from \$150 to \$152.70 per incident.

Town Hall copier/printer update

Jack reported that the Toshiba printer/copier has had a maintenance check, and is basically in good shape except for one tray. However we were warned that as it is 18 years old there is no knowing how long it will last. It was agreed that we needed to keep the HP printer since it is the only one with color. If Jack succeeds in connecting the Toshiba to the networked computers staff would use the latter more frequently. And if/when the Toshiba gives up, we can replace it with the donated printer.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7.17 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Spear

Planning ahead:

- Regularize committee appointments
- IT policy review (passwords)
- Inquiry about M5/L1
- Spirit of America Award (due June 30)
- Plan for new comprehensive plan process in 2022 (proposal to Town Meeting 2021)
- Snow shoveling for the rear door of the Fire Station and the Fire Barn door.
- CEO Search, Deputy Tax Collector searches
- Succession planning: Treasurer, Board member