

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

June 27, 2023

As Approved on July 11, 2023

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger, Steve Bonine, Denise Parker, Josephine Ewing, Bob Ater, Karen Robbins

Attended via Zoom: Don Kornrumpf, Michael Kreindler, Michele Galliard

Call to Order: 6:04pm by Walter

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

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on June 13, 2023 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Treasurer's Warrant #24 for \$12,964.33 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- ABA Warrant #14 for \$1,306.50 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.

Conservation Commission/Water Access Planning Committee—Josephine Ewing, Bob Ater, and Karen Robbins:

- Status update provided. The Packard family hopes to have a decision by the town before fall.
- A boilerplate purchase/sale agreement has been drafted by Lisa Holley. Blanks need to be filled in and the agreement signed by the Select Board members in order for the Conservation Commission to negotiate terms. The agreement will be emailed to Select Board members for review.
- Josephine Ewing, Bob Ater, and Karen Robbins asked if Water Access Fund money (potentially up to \$3,000) can be used to have a survey of the property and inspection of the septic system and well performed. The Select Board needs to determine the legal ability to access the funds for this purpose.
- Various sources of money to purchase the property are being investigated.
- A special town meeting will need to be held to approve the purchase if the decision is made to move forward.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) Update – Don Kornrumpf:

- An information meeting will be held on July 13 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.
- Consolidated Communications Inc (CCI) needs to move some lines, which can be done after the broadband cable is hung.
- Center Maine Power (CMP) has little remaining work to do.
- The group is cautiously optimistic that make ready will be completed by the end of July.
- The Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) grant has not been finalized.
- A draft memorandum of understanding was sent to Axiom regarding the Southport fiber. A commitment can't be finalized until the MCA grant is finalized.

- A storage area will need to be determined for storage of the fiber spools. Don will inquire as to the amount of space needed for storage.
- It may be possible to begin early sign-up for broadband at the July 13 meeting—collecting money if the MCA grant is finalized; not collecting money if it hasn't been finalized by the date of the meeting.

Town staff & volunteers:

- ABA staffing—Don Kornrumpf: There are two candidates for the bookkeeper role. An hourly rate will be paid for the position. Don Hudson has agreed to serve as treasurer. The bookkeeper will prepare the warrant and Don will approve it. The Select Board will have final approval until the ABA's finances are totally separate from the Town. Steve Bonine will have oversight. As of July 1, Steve is turning over the books to the ABA.
- Fish Commission Appointments—Karen Robbins: The following commission members were presented for approval:
 - Jeffery Pinette
 - Jack Witham
 - Michael McMahon
 - Angelica Braestrup
 - Karen Robbins, Conservation Commission nominee

The appointments were approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer. The commission will vote on a Chair at their first meeting.

- Planning Board Chair—The committee members need to vote for a chair.
- Animal Control Officer—no progress on filling the role.
- Education Committee Chair—no progress on filling the role.
- Properties Committee Chair—no progress on filling the role.

Town Meeting—Denise:

- The Annual Report is being revised and a limited number of copies will be printed.

Other business:

- State audit recommendation is that a fire resistant, locking cabinet be used to store license plates, stickers, and MVR reports. Denise will investigate options.
- Hagan/Harcourt property—no progress on the sale yet.
- Proposed Remote Meeting Policy—adopted on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.

Mail: None

Adjournment: 7:30pm on a motion by DeeDee second by Jennifer

Next meeting: July 11, 2023, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator