

**Arrowsic Board of Selectmen
Minutes, February 9, 2021 (as amended 2/2/21)**

Present

Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Barbara Boyce, Sheila Spear, Brett Jensen, Don Kornrumpf, Alex Schwartz, Chris Wilcoxson, Michael Kreindler,

The meeting was called to order at 6.02 pm

The minutes of January 12 and January 26, 2021 were approved unanimously on a motion by DeeDee, seconded by Will.

Treasurer's Warrant #15 for \$46,867.58 was approved unanimously on a motion by DeeDee, seconded by Will. Discussion of Roger's ACE accounts procedures followed.

Homestead Exemption

The application from Elaine Koufman was approved on a motion by Walter, seconded by Will; DeeDee voted in the negative, Walter will inform Ms. Koufman and let her know her other options.

Annual Report Contract

The Contract with Laurie Holland to edit the Annual Report was approved unanimously on a motion by Will, seconded by DeeDee. Walter will sign and return to Laurie.

Floodplain Management

Chris and Mike reported on the Community Rating System (CRS) Annual Recertification. The CRS provides an insurance incentive which encourages communities to go above and beyond the minimum in limiting development in the flood plain. Arrowsic has retained the level 8 which gives us a 10% reduction in insurance in the flood plain. However Arrowsic has no dwellings in the flood plain

Mike and Chris are going through the process now and the job will fall to Chris in future years. The 5-year process may be more onerous. Walter will sign the document, return to Chris to send on.

Route 127 Corridor Management Plan

A request was received from Rick Cliffe, Georgetown, for Arrowsic residents to participate. Sheila will forward the message to the town and invite participation.

ABA Broadband Update (don, alex)

Alex reported on the survey, which was distributed to the Town email list, with one follow up, and one other planned.

Preliminary results look very supportive of ABA and the town's broadband plan at around planned pricing levels.

Don reported on other developments:

A dedicated ABA web page is up thanks to Paul Kalkstein and Alex Schwartz

Network Operator and Internet Service Provider: ABA recommends entering into contract negotiations with Axiom. A Heads of Agreement has been drafted for discussion with Axiom. The key issues are major network repair cost coverage and insurance, profit share and & Engineering/construction advice.

Project Engineers - Similarly ABA expect to recommend entering into negotiations with Finley Engineering of Altoona Wisconsin. The responses of CHR and Tilson have been a standard below those of Finley. Importantly, Finley has been working with Axiom on the Roque Bluffs and Monhegan Island USDA broadband projects. While the Finley timeline pushes full instillation to the Spring of 2022, it may be possible to shorten the timetable.

Make Ready & Insurance: ABA is exploring our options in reducing Make Ready and insurance costs. Contact has been made with Chris Johnson, 1st Selectman of Somerville, to tap a bunch of municipalities to defending as legal case brought by Consolidate/CMP if we invoke the Vitelli Make Ready law.

Funding: Bank \$150,000

Barb raised question re clerk's certificate but was told that the Board does not need to worry about that. The Town Lawyer confirmed that no public hearing is required, and the certificate is being revised.

Don reports that the ABA team is working well.

The Board resolved, on a motion by DeeDee, seconded by Will and passed unanimously, that the resolution to enable the borrowing up to \$150,000 as previously authorized by special town meeting December 12, 2020 be adopted.

Logging operations

Walter will discuss the town's enforcement authority with lawyers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.20 pm

Action items:

Walter will inform Ms. Koufman re her Homestead Exemption. and other options.

Walter will sign the Annual Report Editing contract and return to Laurie.

Walter will sign the Floodplain management document, return to Chris to send on.

Sheila will forward the message concerning Rte 127 management to the town and invite participation.

Walter will discuss the town's noise enforcement authority with lawyers.