

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

October 10, 2016

Present: Sukey Heard, Bill Savedoff, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald, Ken Gunston, Will Neilson, Bob Ater

6:00 pm

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #7 (\$26,439.40) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Minutes:

Minutes for the Selectmen's meeting on September 26, 2016 were approved as written.

Public Hearing:

The meeting was suspended at 6:30 pm to convene a public hearing on the acceptance of the 2016-2017 General Assistance Appendices. The hearing was held and the Selectmen's meeting reopened at 6:35 pm.

Public Hearing Results:

During the public hearing, the Selectmen voted unanimously to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance Appendix (A-D).

Cash Management Policy:

The policy is making the rounds and being reviewed by Mary McDonald and Liz Rollins.

Snow Shoveling Contract:

The Selectmen voted to sign a contract with Jorgensen Landscaping to shovel at the Town Hall and Fire Station during the upcoming winter at \$35.00 per visit. This is the same price that we paid for the service last winter. Bill expressed his appreciation that Mark Jorgensen had overseen some brush clearing on the south side of the Town Hall which was getting very wooly.

Properties Committee:

Bob Ater and Michael Kreindler attended to discuss plans to reconstitute a committee that would be charged with monitoring, maintaining and improving Town properties. The Selectmen have been attempting to fill this function with mixed success since the previous committee disbanded several years ago. Both Bob and Michael were involved in the previous committee as was Rob Shultz and Al Heath who have indicated a willingness to help out again. Sukey has also enlisted Matt Steltzer and Kevin Bachman. We are currently looking for someone to commit to leading the group. Sukey will talk with Matt and Kevin and report back at our next meeting.

CEO:

Codes Enforcement Officer Michael Kreindler attended to discuss an issue concerning a resident who wants to reduce the number of bedrooms in their house to enable them to add a bedroom in an accessory structure but limit the impact on their septic system requirements. Michael explained that there is a different standard for "bedroom" as it applies to State plumbing codes and as it applies to assessing. The Selectmen accepted Michael's plan to work with our attorney to draw up a suitable agreement that will codify the reduced number of bedrooms and have it registered with the deed as a restriction.

Constable:

The Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Dale Carlton Town Constable (without the funny hat).

Progress Report-Reassessment RFP:

Bill reported that the RFP was sent to 15 appraisal firms and we have received 5 replies indicating that 2 companies will NOT be submitting a proposal, 1 will, 1 is considering, and 1 will if the requirement for a commitment bond is removed. Bill had questioned Mike Rogers from State of Maine Property Services who indicated that it was not necessarily needed. The Selectmen discussed the commitment bond requirement and decided to remove it since it seemed to unduly favor larger firms and limit the participation of smaller firms. Bill will reword that passage and send out a correction to all. The next deadline is October 24 when the Selectmen will be available to address any questions that the firms may have about the RFP.

Town Clerk Announcement:

It is the intention of the Selectmen to appoint Barbara Boyce as Town Clerk to succeed Gretchen MacLeod following the November election. We will notify the town of a public meeting on November 14th at the Selectmen's meeting where they are invited to meet Barbara and make any recommendations they wish to the Selectmen. There will also be a notification of an impending change to the Town Office hours to accommodate Barbara's schedule. The office will still be open one morning and one afternoon but the days will change. Barbara has been sworn in as Deputy Clerk and is attending two days of election training in Bangor.

Local Health Officer:

Bill reported that Christine Woodman, our LHO is already making great progress and is currently concentrating on getting a handle on the public health materials that have accumulated at the Town Hall over the years. Christine plans to develop a focused educational area that will be updated frequently.

Annual Report:

The Selectmen were pleased to learn that our annual report has won an award from the Maine Municipal Association, which deemed it "superior" in the tiny towns category. Many thanks to Laurie Holland who was largely responsible for its design and will be working with us again this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard