

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

June 12, 2017

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald, Christine Woodman, Ken Gunston, Eloise Vitelli

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant #22 (\$4,902.32) was reviewed, approved and signed. Mary reviewed the engagement letter from Purdy Powers for next year's audit and was authorized by the Selectmen to sign it. The cost of the audit will be \$7,900.

The Selectmen and the Treasurer reviewed the undesignated fund balance and anticipated remaining revenues and expenses through year-end, to determine the Selectmen's recommendation regarding Warrant Article 43. Article 43 is the vehicle that allows the town to vote to use excess undesignated funds to reduce the overall Town expense budget and thus reduce individual tax bills. Undesignated fund balance is primarily used to provide liquidity to pay Town bills for the 4+ months from the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) to the point when the Town begins to receive revenue from taxes. Our treasurer feels comfortable with a \$250,000 buffer, which is approximately the amount that we anticipate having at year-end. The Selectmen voted to recommend no use of undesignated funds to reduce taxes this year.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for 05/22/17 were reviewed and approved as written.

**Local Health Officer:**

Christine Woodman discussed recent communications from Drexell White, the State Public Health Liaison, who asked that we consider declaring a brown tail caterpillar infestation for the town. It is unclear from the information provided why this would be advantageous. Christine suggests that we form a committee to investigate the options in dealing with the caterpillars and whether the town should make a recommendation on what to do. The Selectmen will speak to Senator Eloise Vitelli to see if she can provide some clarification on Mr. White's request.

**Annual Meeting Warrant Review:**

The moderator for the upcoming town meeting, State Senator Eloise Vitelli, met with the Selectmen to review the agenda of the Town Meeting, the timing of various presentations, and a read-through of the warrant articles, to ensure a smooth and well-organized meeting.

**ArcGIS Overlay:**

The Selectmen received an email from the Arrowsic-Georgetown Broadbanders that suggested that we use the photographs that will be taken during the upcoming revaluation to increase our digital property database for local emergency services (E-911). The Selectmen explored the idea but questioned how the information would be used within town or by Sagadahoc County dispatch. The information might also be useful in the future, as a planning tool, should there be a decision to string fiber optic lines in town. Selectman Savedoff discussed the process with Bill Van Tuinan, our assessing agent, who was hesitant

to be responsible for providing information for a public safety database, unrelated to the assessing function.

**Online Car Registration Renewals:**

Rapid Renewal is the State of Maine's online car registration renewal program, which is available for all vehicle registration renewals. Manually processing these renewals is tedious and time-consuming for the tax collector and the Selectmen discussed whether having the online option would be a customer service improvement. Many questions remain. Bill plans to contact several towns on another matter and will ask about their experience with the program. More to come.

**Town Meeting:**

The Selectmen reviewed a checklist of things needed for Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard