

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

November 12, 2012 6:00 pm

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald, Lisa Holley, Andrew Cushing

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant # 9 (\$65,135.18) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Education Committee:

After several discussions among the Selectmen and with Lisa Holley regarding the future of the Arrowsic School Advisory Committee, the Selectmen have asked Ms. Holley if she would come up with the framework for a new education committee. Because Arrowsic has no schools, the advisory committee's role, both in relation to the RSU Board and the Selectmen, was fuzzy. On the other hand, the former Arrowsic School Committee had a defined job that provided value to the town in terms of information and oversight. Lisa has agreed to review the record, propose some essential responsibilities for the committee, and make some recommendations for townspeople who would be willing to serve. She will also look into the location of the famous School Committee flipchart.

RSU 1 Cost Sharing Committee:

Sukey brought the Selectmen up to date regarding the three proposals that have been put forth for dividing the regional education costs among the participating towns. Based on Sukey's explanation and recommendation, the Selectmen unanimously voted for the "Cost Per Student Based On Total Assessment" method. Sukey will communicate our vote to her committee.

Town Report Editor:

The Selectmen interviewed and voted to hire Andrew Cushing for the position of Town Report Editor, which was approved at the June Town meeting. Andrew is a 2012 graduate of Bowdoin College who is working in the Sustainable Bowdoin office and has experience with Publisher and InDesign. He is from a small town in New Hampshire where his father was a Selectman for many years so he understands the structure of the Town and is looking forward to taking on our small annual publication.

Old Fire Barn Property:

It came to Sukey's attention that when the Selectmen sold the old fire barn lot to the abutting neighbor, we did not adequately communicate our desire to have the substandard lot combined with the abutting lot. Our purpose in offering the land solely to abutters was to reduce the number of substandard lots on the island. Sukey will contact the owner and recommend that the two lots be combined both for tax purposes and legally.

Properties Maintenance Issues:

The Selectmen discussed several town hall maintenance issues including replacing the roofing, repairing and sealing the holes in the basement walls, fixing and installing the storm windows, and improving the drainage around the back door. There is \$5,500 in the budget and we will ask Michael Kreindler to get estimates for these jobs. We also discussed a request from M.W. Sewall to enter into a service/maintenance contract for the new furnace and decided to get more information regarding what is the recommended annual maintenance for the equipment and what is covered by the warranty.

Town FAX Machine:

The fax machine had problems so Sukey bought a new one that did not have the features that the staff wanted. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of paying for an upgrade to our copier that would allow us to use it as a FAX machine also. Sukey will ask Jennifer to contact our technician to see if this is possible.

Route 127 Road Striping:

Jim Stump has been in communication with MDOT regarding the road striping on the newly paved shoulders of Route 127. Although the Town paid Harry Crooker & Sons to pave a wider shoulder between the north end of the island and the intersection of Old Stage Road to better accommodate bicycles, when the striping was done, they increased the width of the vehicular lane, which gobbled up the shoulder. Jim has requested by email that they paint over the striping and do it correctly. The State has replied the road was always specified to be that wide so the stripes are correctly laid. Jim is working with them towards a solution and will keep us informed.

On-line Calendar:

Bill has been speaking to Paul Kalkstein about our Town website calendar, which has not been updated since June. Paul believes that we should be using the Google calendar format. Michele remembered that this has been discussed before but got hung up on whether it was an "open" calendar or one for Town meetings and services only. Bill volunteered to talk to Paul and come up with some guidelines.

Policies and Procedures:

Bill has written two policies for the Town regarding 1.) Use of Wi-Fi in the Town Hall, and 2.) Requests for Special Checks. They are our first P&P's (that we know of) and will be filed in a binder and in a folder on the Town computer.

Abatement Request:

The Selectmen received a tax abatement request from a property owner on Route 127 to lower the assessed value of a mobile home. Sukey will visit the property and make a recommendation.

Mail:

The Selectmen approved a request from a family in town to borrow 10 chairs from Town Hall for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Minutes:

Minutes for 10/22/2012 were approved as written. Sukey will send to Paul Kalkstein to post on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard