

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

January 22, 2018

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald, Barbara Boyce

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #14 (\$107,097.26) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Minutes:

Minutes for 01/08/2018 was reviewed and approved as amended.

Town Clerk Report:

Barbara Boyce gave the Selectmen her report. Since the last time she joined us she has overseen two elections, which both went well thanks to her and our experienced election wardens, counters and registrar. Barbara indicated that she is feeling more comfortable with her Town duties including issuing the various licenses for which she is responsible. Barbara worked with Paul Kalkstein on a great new Town Clerk's web page that describes her services. She is interested in better organizing committee members' terms so that she can swear them in on a timely basis. Barbara is also willing to get Trio training so she can be back up for the tax collector. We discussed on-line registration process and how it might work for Arrowsic.

Interview-Tax Collector:

The Selectmen met with Jon Biehler, an Arrowsic resident living on Whitmore's Landing Road, who expressed an interest in becoming the Tax Collector upon Liz Rollins' retirement in July. Mr. Biehler has an education background and recently went from part-time to full-time resident after living internationally for many years. Jon has had the opportunity to observe how the role of tax collector is integral to the smooth and happy operation of our town and expressed his appreciation for the importance of the position to the way our residents feel about and relate to the Town. Mr. Biehler would like to have as much training as possible prior to taking over so will work with Liz to schedule training opportunities. He will also need formal training from MMA and we will investigate their training schedule. The Selectmen are extremely thankful to have such a willing and qualified candidate for this key town position.

Local Connections:

Sukey related that she attended a January 19 meeting of the Mid-Coast Public Transportation organization to listen to their plans to improve access to public transportation within the Midcoast area. In addition, Christine Woodman, Local Health Officer, attended a meeting of the local Age Friendly Community group. Sukey and Christine plan to include an article in the upcoming Arrow describing the organizations, their missions, and encourage residents to join.

Technology Tidbits:

Bill indicated that he had successfully purchased a new laptop for the tax collector, which, once new procedures are in place, will allow tax collection to be accomplished digitally. Bill related that he is enlisting the advice and aid of a local tech-savvy resident to help with technology issues and decision-making.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Gaillard