

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

October 22, 2012

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

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant # 8 (\$97,955.42) and #8A (\$155,969-county tax) were reviewed, approved and signed. Mary reviewed the 2012 Property Tax Levy Limit worksheet which showed that we were almost \$38,500 under the levy limit. Copies will be sent to the State Planning Office and MMA.

**Annual Tax Rate and Commitment:**

The Selectmen voted to set the tax rate for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at \$12.13 per thousand valuation, up from \$12.00 last year.

**Trio Contract Expiration:**

The Selectmen received a letter from Harris Computer reminding us that our Trio service contract expiration date is 10/30/2012. Mary confirmed that we sent a check for another year on 10/7/2012.

**Payment of Fees Schedule:**

The Selectmen would like to come up with a policy for payment of employee wages and fees that meets the needs of our employees and does not cause the town to incur unnecessary payroll charges. Mary explained how our vendor (Advantage) charges for each check run plus a per check fee. Bill will propose a policy for early payment that will allocate our fees fairly.

**Properties Update:**

The new Town Hall furnace installation has been completed and is working well. Liz and Jennifer are pleased with the results. Michael Kreindler recommends that exterior patching be done to seal up the building where the lines come in and the exhaust goes out. The Selectmen also discussed the project of cleaning the pine needles off the roof. We will contact Brian Elwell and ask for an estimate on both jobs. Sukey brought up concerns regarding the exterior wooden steps leading to the side entrance, which are slippery because of water and vegetation. We will work on getting someone to clean them prior to election day since it is the second means of egress for the building and we will have a lot of traffic on that day.

**General Assistance Ordinance:**

The Selectmen discussed the state of the general assistance ordinance, when it was originally signed, where it is filed, who administers it and whether we need to sign an affidavit of adoption and file with DHHS. To our knowledge, the Town has always paid these expenses directly and never filed for any reimbursement from the State. Michele will look further into what our obligations are in this regard.

**Georgetown MDOT Meeting:**

Sukey attended a meeting in Georgetown with Jon Hentz and 6-7 MDOT employees where there was a discussion of the Route 127 roadway issues. Jon has several problems that he would like addressed. Sukey reported that the only Arrowsic issue is replacing the collapsing culvert at Sewall Pond.

**DSL Speed in South Arrowsic:**

Sukey spoke to and emailed our Fairpoint contact regarding slow DSL speeds on Bald Head Road. He indicated that he would send the information through the company channels. We will monitor and see if anything positive happens.

**Mail:**

We received a copy of our Trio software support agreement with Harris Service Plan. We received a dividend payment from MMA Risk Management.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for 10/8/2012 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