

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

February 25, 2013

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald, Jennifer Hall
Phine Ewing, Karen Robbins

This meeting was preceded by a Public Hearing that started at 6:00 pm and lasted until 6:45 pm. The topic was a discussion of the issue of the upcoming Special Town Meeting on March 6, 2013, where the Town will vote on whether to authorize the allocation of \$15,000 from surplus to be available for potential legal costs associated with the West Bath lawsuit.

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant # 15 (\$2,910.44) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Alewife Project:

Phine and Karen requested that the Selectmen sign a letter to MDOT that would make State funds available for the alewife project. The Selectmen voted in favor and Sukey signed the letter. There was a discussion regarding the best way to ensure that Karen is able to speak during Town Meeting about the progress of the alewife project since last year she was unable to do so. Rather than add a warrant article, Karen will speak as part of the discussion of the fishery closure.

RSU1 Referendum:

Jennifer asked the Selectmen for a decision regarding voting hours for the RSU1 cost-sharing referendum to be held on March 19. Low voter turnout is expected and so it was determined the hours would be 12-8 pm. We will make sure that the hours are publicized by the RSU, posted at Town Hall, on the website and announced at the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Properties Issues:

The Selectmen decided to go ahead with the basement wall patching and the side staircase projects. Michele will try to contact Rob again.

Annual Town Charitable Donations:

The Selectmen discussed the new policy for handling charitable donations. We will put a discussion of the donations on the agenda of an early-April Selectmen's meeting so that they can be reviewed in public before being listed on the warrant. Also, donations to organizations that have not been on the previous warrant will have their own article so they may stand on their own to be voted up or down.

Upcoming Special Town Meeting:

Sukey will work on getting a meeting moderator. Jennifer will be there to sign in voters, swear in the moderator and take notes.

Effect of proposed LePage State budget on Arrowsic:

Bill feels strongly that if passed, Governor LePage's budget will have a very negative effect on municipalities like Arrowsic. The other Selectmen agreed and decided to write a letter to the Governor expressing our opposition to his removal of State support. Bill will write the letter for our signature and we will copy our State and federal representatives.

Town Budget Meeting:

On Sunday, March 31, the Selectmen will hold a workshop with Mary McDonald to review the annual budget preparation process.

Minutes:

Minutes for 2/11/13 were approved as written. Sukey will send to Paul Kalkstein to post on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard