

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

March 27, 2017

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald, Bill Van Tuinen, Bill Blaiklock, Lisa Margonelli, Mike Rogers

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #17 (\$1,377.85) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Minutes:

Minutes for 03/13/17 were reviewed and approved as written.

Town-wide Revaluation-State Revenue Service Meeting:

The Selectmen met with Bill Van Tuinen, assessor, and Mike Rogers, Superintendent of Municipal Services from the Maine State Revenue Services to discuss the framework of the work to be done during the town-wide property revaluation. Bill VT reviewed the scope of work including:

- Measuring and listing: based on visit, collect property information for record card: size, quality, conformation, outbuildings. Rough sketch to be digitized. Photo.
- Call backs: one attempt then letter.
- Sales analysis: against comparables within town and surrounding towns.
- Data entry: in Trio (need additional module, WinSketch). Link digital photos.
- Value fine-tuning: add heat pumps, geothermal, solar panels, hard-wired generators, docks, location factors, common land factors.
- Review: big picture. Look at relationships among properties. Test for accuracy and proportionality.
- Notices and hearings: include impact statement and comparison to previous year's taxes. Appointments to discuss.

Bill VT also indicated that he will be using GIS, Google Earth and tax map overlays to view island from above and will likely circumnavigate the island to view from the water. There will be 3-4 progress meetings with the Selectmen. Mike was in agreement with the methodology and spoke positively about Bill's skills and experience.

Town Communications: Revaluation

The Selectmen will send a letter to all property owners explaining the process and schedule a meeting where issues may be raised and questions answered.

Arrowsic Clam Farm:

Bill Blaiklock and Lisa Margonelli attended the meeting representing the Shellfish Conservation Committee. The Selectmen agreed to be part of the Memorandum of Understanding along with Manomet and the interested shellfish harvester, and were in support of the conservation closing of the relevant clam flat to facilitate the clam farm creation.

Taxpayers List On-Line:

The Selectmen again discussed the pros and cons of publishing the taxpayers list on the town website and reviewed concerns expressed by property owners regarding the use of the information and privacy issues. Sukey will talk to Liz and Barbara to make sure that publishing the information is the best solution to their problem.

Solid Waste Conference:

The Recycling and Solid Waste Committee has proposed that one of their members attend a conference in Rockport in April, which would cost \$200. The Selectmen are not opposed to the expenditure, assuming the member is willing. Sukey will follow up.

Town Hall Sign:

Bob Ater has been in contact with the Selectmen with some concerns about the condition of the sign on the façade of the Town Hall. It was originally constructed by his father-in-law and he has indicated a willingness to restore it. The Selectmen recommend that we get someone to take a closer look at it to assess its condition so we can formulate a plan for its preservation.

Mini Pumper Committee:

Bill has put together a committee to follow through on the purchase of a truck to replace the mini pumper as voted on at the last Town Meeting. Joe Bonnet, Michael Kreindler and Jeremy Blaiklock have agreed to serve. The committee will be asked to follow an administrative process including developing specifications within the framework of the Fire Department Long Term Planning Committee "same size" recommendations and including Chief Carlton in their work. The goal is to purchase the functional equivalent of the mini pumper in the range of \$165,000. Three bids will be required with a final recommendation to be submitted to the Selectmen for approval.

Properties Projects:

The Selectmen discussed several projects that have been in the hopper and how to facilitate forward movement in light of the recent committee resignation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard