

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

November 27, 2017

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

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #10 (\$16,610.38) was reviewed, approved and signed. Mary and the Selectmen discussed possible changes to the way we handle committee stipends for next year in light of several committees who have added more members. Mary also confirmed that tax bills went out today.

Minutes:

Minutes for 11/13/17 and 11/20/17 (special meeting) were reviewed and approved.

December Meetings:

The Selectmen made date changes for December meetings due to the second monthly meeting falling on December 25. Bill, Sukey and Mary will meet on December 27 at 6:00 pm to review bills and sign the warrant. A special meeting will be held on December 18 to meet with Malcolm Persen to discuss Properties Committee issues.

Sagadahoc County Tax Assessment:

The Selectmen signed the 2017-2018 County Tax Assessment, agreeing to pay \$166,759 for county services.

Prep for Thursday Meeting:

Meeting scheduled this Thursday at 7:00 pm to discuss potential administrative changes. Bill, Art Dresser and John D'Anieri will present their research and analysis then open up for residents' discussion.

Emergency Power at Town Hall:

The Selectmen discussed the pros and cons of running emergency power from the Fire Station to the Town Hall so that during a power outage like the recent windstorm, the Town Hall could be opened for office hours, and/or used for warming, charging and water. Although the Fire Station has a standby generator, office hours require the use of the computer in the Town Hall. Sukey will contact LEMO Brian Carlton and ask that he meet with us to discuss emergency protocols, possibly including hooking up the portable generator that is currently carried on the tanker.

Storm Damages and Budget Implications:

We are aware that MDOT sent out crews to clear storm debris from Rte. 127. We have received an invoice from Brian Elwell for storm clean up. There is an uprooted tree between the Little Barn and the Town Hall that needs to be removed. We will keep track of total costs for a possible insurance claim.

Sukey's Meetings and Workshops:

Sukey attended an MDOT meeting in Woolwich where the new Rte. 1 merge prior to the intersection with Rte. 128 Northbound was reviewed. The new Arrowsic merge onto Rte. 1 at the bridge was also discussed and its effect on visibility. Sukey also attended an MMA conference in Augusta about hiring and retaining municipal employees.

Welcome Packet Procedures:

The Selectmen reviewed the distribution procedure for the Welcome Packet and its current implementation. At a previous meeting, based on the difficulty of getting a correct and timely address for new residents, the decision was made to have a tab on the website for all the information. This has been done. Our Town Clerk will direct new folks to the website and distribute information at Town Hall.

Computer Stories:

Bill reported that he is close to purchasing a new laptop for the Town Clerk in addition to updated Microsoft Office software with five licenses. Barbara's old laptop will then be reallocated to the fire station.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard