

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

January 28, 2013

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald
Rufus Brown, Esq.

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant # 13 (\$16,751.91) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Orthoimagery:

The Selectmen discussed the funding of high resolution GIS ortho-imagery for the Town as discussed at our previous meeting. Due to impending legal expenses we decided the investment would not be prudent at this time.

Spirit of America Award:

The Selectmen received a letter requesting a nomination from Arrowsic for a Spirit of America award. These volunteerism awards are granted from an organization with roots in the Elks, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, and Knights of Columbus. While Arrowsic is extremely proud of our community volunteers, the decision was made not to participate this year.

Executive Session:

According to Title 1 MRSA 405, Section 6, Paragraph E, the Selectmen went into executive session at 6:30 pm with Rufus Brown, a lawyer hired to represent Arrowsic, to discuss legal issues regarding the suit brought by West Bath. The suit alleges that an incorrect funding formula was used by RSU1 to allocate education expenses over a period of four years, which resulted in under-payment by Bath, Arrowsic, and Woolwich, and over-payment by West Bath. West Bath is seeking restitution from the RSU and the three towns. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:45 pm and resumed the agenda.

Hearing and Special Town Meeting:

The current budget for legal services is \$2,000 and our expenses this year are expected to exceed that amount. The Selectmen voted to schedule a public hearing to provide information about the West Bath suit, and a special Town Meeting to authorize additional funds from surplus for legal costs. The tentative dates are February 25 (6:00 pm) for a public hearing and March 6 (7:00 pm) for the special Town Meeting.

Letter of Engagement:

The Selectmen voted to authorize Bill Savedoff to sign a letter of engagement with Rufus Brown to be our legal representative in the West Bath litigation.

Old Business:

- Sukey will follow up on a person to take notes during the Selectmen's meetings.
- Michele will follow up with Rob Shultz about properties management issues.

- Bill will follow up with Fairpoint regarding poor service on Bald Head Road.
- Michele reported that she had arranged a meeting between Andrew Cushing, our new Town Report Editor and Larry Wilson, former Selectman and Town Report Editor to facilitate direct communications between the two.

Minutes:

Minutes for 1/14/13 and 1/24/13 (emergency meeting) were approved as written. Sukey will send to Paul Kalkstein to post on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard