

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

October 8, 2012

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald,
Michael Kreindler, Karen Robbins, Donald Kornrumpf

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant # 7 (\$8,077.82) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Planning Board Appointment:

Donald Kornrumpf has agreed to serve on the Planning Board as an alternate. The Selectmen talked to Donald about his background and experience and expectations of the position. The Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint him to the Board. He will return to Town Hall during office hours to be sworn in by Jennifer.

RSU1 Cost Sharing Committee Report:

Sukey and Karen reported the on the discussions being held by the committee to determine recommendations for sharing the cost of the RSU. A lot of work is going into understanding the history, the numbers and how the State comes up with the Essential Services Formula. To date there is no consensus, so it is likely that the RSU will use the same formula as last year for another year. The minutes of the weekly Cost Sharing Committee are available on the RSU website.

Town Hall Computer/Wireless Update:

Bill has installed antivirus software on the white Dell and transferred files. The Selectmen discussed how to set up security protocol for internet access. There will be two signals: one reserved for private access via the desktops at the Town Hall, which will have a secure password. Another will be available to anyone conducting or engaged in town business. Passwords will be changed periodically and usage will be monitored. Bill has written a draft WiFi Access Policy, which the committee reviewed. The Selectmen also discussed whether the Town needed an IT volunteer to handle maintenance issues on the town computers. Bill will make a few enquiries to see if we can attract someone.

Holiday Meeting Policy:

The Selectmen discussed whether a policy was needed to cover changing Selectmen Meetings when they fall on holidays. In the past we have often met on holidays. The upcoming end of year holiday dates were discussed. The Selectmen will not meet on December 24 so there will be no meeting between December 10 and January 14. Mary asked that she be authorized to pay bills that cannot be put off in the interim. At one of the January meetings, the Selectmen will review the schedule for the first half of the year and get all the dates on the calendar.

Town Report Editor:

The Town Report Editor position opening is posted on the website. Michele will also post the opening on the Bowdoin digest.

DSL Speed in South Arrowsic:

There have been complaints that the DSL is very slow on the south end of the island, especially at the end of Bald Head Road. Sukey explained that the speed decreases the farther away from the Fairpoint junction box you get. Sukey will first reach out to her contact at Fairpoint to see if anything can be done. If not, the Selectmen will write a letter and ask for an equipment upgrade.

Town Volunteers:

Bill recommended that the Selectmen send a welcome letter to new property owners based on the transfer information we receive. The letter could introduce the need for volunteers and also outline some basic information about the town, including when to contact the CEO. Bill volunteered to start a draft of the letter and send it around for editing.

Other

Sukey sent property changes to Aerial Survey who are updating our tax maps. Sukey will speak to our assessor, Bill van Tuinen, regarding the cost of a town property re-valuation so that we can write a warrant article to start putting together funding.

Bill would like to discuss options for paying town employees on a more frequent basis. We will discuss this further with Mary.

Mail:

Maine Revenue Service sent us our 2013 state valuation of the town: \$81,150,000

Minutes:

Minutes for 9/24/12 were approved as written. Sukey will send to Paul Kalkstein to post on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard