

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

July 8, 2024

As Approved on July 22, 2024

Present: DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger, Eileen Bonine, Denise Parker, Don Hudson, Camille Kauffunger, Ren Kauffunger,

Call to Order: 6:08pm by DeeDee

Agenda: Reviewed & approved

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on June 24, 2024, approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.
- Treasurer's Warrant FY24 #26 for \$16,757.01 approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.
- Treasurer's Warrant FY25 #1 for \$62,965.30 approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.
- ABA Warrant FY24 #17 for \$906.00 approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) update – Don Hudson:

- The final tranche from Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) has been requested. This completes the project.
- ABA has offered to contribute the remaining grant amount (\$11,757.10) to Axiom to offset some of the cost of the additional "takes". Axiom asked for a larger amount; ABA requested a concession. The decision has not yet been finalized.
- ABA will have approximately \$80,000 in the bank when the town takes ownership of the network, which includes the remainder of the \$500,000 gift, \$17,725 from the MCA grant for project management, and initial payments for operation from Axiom. This beginning balance represents ABA's initial storm damage repair fund. Approximately \$45,000 will be added to the balance next year if there are no storms.
- ABA will have approximately \$55,000 of income during the coming year against an operating budget of approximately \$20,000, and an anticipated but unknown amount for storm damage repair.
- For the first two years, Axiom retains 55% and ABA retains 45% of the proceeds, after which the split becomes 60%/40%.
- The Town of Arrowsic will charge ABA for insurance, electricity, and other expenses.

Town staff & volunteers:

- Arrowsic Recycling & Solid Waste Committee (ARSWC) needs a member.
- Town Administrator – interested applicants are being interviewed.

Other business:

- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Northeast Rivers and Forest Program Grant application was approved.
- Ocean debris project by Ren Kauffunger was approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.

Mail: None

Adjournment: 6:45pm

Next meeting: Monday, July 22, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator