

SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2022

Municipal Building

6:30 p.m.

Present- George, Jack, Bill, Sean, Adam & Cheryl Robinson

Call to Order- 6:30pm

Adjustments to the Agenda (if needed) – None

Public Comment – Ellen O'Meara and Robert Emerson were in the audience regarding American Aquafarms. A discussion was held regarding the stage of the intervenor status, moratorium or letter to Governor Mills the Board was at. The audience members felt there was a public urgency to this matter and was asking the Board to make the matter an urgent matter or put it as a priority. The Board Chair, George Colwell, advised the public members the Board wanted to represent the Town to the fullest and felt more public input and information was needed for that to be accomplished.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes of 02/02/2022 – *Motion to approve as written by Bill Birdsall, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.*

New Business

1. Nick Hodgkins – DEP on the tannery and the VRAP program – Mr. Hodgkins did not show. Clerk will check with him for the next meeting.
2. John Manette – Ellsworth Area Church and tax exempt status – Mr. Manette called to remove himself from the agenda.
3. Departmental Reports
 - a) George Moon – Road Commissioner – Roads will be posted beginning 03/01/2022
 - b) Fire Chief – Chris Holmes - see report
 - c) Town Clerk/AA Report, Cheri Robinson
 - i) Signatures needed on letter to Senator Collins and Senator King – Clerk drafted letters to Senator Collins and Senator King for review on the ARPA funding. *Motion by Adam Foster to sign and send the letters as written, second by Bill Birdsall, passed 5/0.*
 - ii) Signatures needed on contract with RJD Appraisals – *Motion for all Board members to sign the contract as written by Jack Bridges, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.*
 - iii) Discussion on paying invoices – Clerk discussed with the Board the mailing process and the warrant process were making the paying of some invoices late and the Town was being charged a late fee or getting disconnection notices. Clerk asked for permission to cut checks and pay the following prior to the warrant process (invoices will still appear on warrant) Pitney Bowes/Purchase Power (postal meter); Versant Power; US Bank/Transco (copier lease) and Charter Communications for the telephone and internet. *Motion by Jack Bridges to allow Cheryl Robinson, Clerk and Diane Simmons, Treasurer to pay the above listed invoices prior to the warrant process, if needed, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*

- iv) ARPA Webinar – anyone want to attend? Clerk passed on the information from MMA on this webinar. Board wanted more information and the clerk will obtain the information and pass on to the Board.
- 4. Approval of 21/22 Payables Warrant #133 in the amount of \$10,708.31
- 5. Approval of 21/22 HVFD Payables Warrant #134 in the amount of \$1,345.39
- 6. Approval of 21/22 Payables (payroll) Warrant #132 in the amount of \$2,929.72
- 7. Approval of 21/22 Payables (payroll) Warrant #135 in the amount of \$3,029.29
- 8. Approval of 21/22 Payables Warrant #136 in the amount of \$1,877.09
Motion by Jack Bridges to approve items #4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 collectively as a group, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0. Motion by Jack Bridges to approve items #4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 as submitted, second by Bill Birdsall, passed 5/0.
- 9. Complaints – None
- 10. Selectperson comments – Sean Jones advised the Board he will be attending a Mission Broadband meeting in the near future.
- 11. See Mail – None
- 12. Other – Patriot Land Surveyors – transfer station lot(s) – Board reviewed the survey and the property descriptions for the transfer station property and advised the Clerk to forward the documents on to Alison King of Acadia Law for review. A discussion was held on the sale process and the best method of marketing the property. The property is Town owned (not taxed acquired) so the sale process can be a different process than the advertising/bid process. *Motion by Jack Bridges to allow the Clerk, Cheryl Robinson, to contact 2 real estate agents to obtain sale proposals to present to the Board at a later date, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*
 - (i) Harbor Ordinance draft – Upon review of the draft the Board was of the opinion the ordinance was generic and felt Zach Piper, Harbormaster and Bill O'Meara of the Hancock Point Village Improvement should review and present to the Board at the next meeting a revised draft.
 - (ii) Letter to the Governor – A discussion was held in regards to a prior letter drafted to the Governor in opposition to American Aquafarms. *Motion by Adam Foster to sign and send the letter with a few changes, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*

13. Adjourn: *Motion to adjourn at 7:28pm by Jack Bridges, second by Bill Birdsall, passed 5/0.*

Respectfully,



Cheryl A. Robinson

Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk