

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
10-20-2021 @ 6:30 PM

Present: K. Rush, B. Clarke, G. Demos, D. Berry

Not present: R. Davis

1. Call to Order

- a. Pledge of allegiance (waived due to meeting format)

2. Public Access

- a. Streetlight recently placed at Kitchen Hill Rd. Sylvia Miholovich brought concerns and questions as to why it was installed stating the light is a nuisance to residents. Jim Ricker and Kate Rush stated they were acting on the guidance of the Public Works Dept in a public safety aspect due to the dimly lit intersection. Mr. Ricker offered an option of dimming the light which seemed to be a possible solution.
- b. Introduction and welcome of new Bangor Daily News reporter, Valerie Royzman who is attending meeting tonight. She plans on attending some of our meetings and covering the areas from Dover to Waterville. She will be in touch with the Selectboard with any questions.

3. Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of minutes from 10-6-21  
Motion on floor to approve the minutes by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.
- b. Communications - None

4. Old Business:

1. Public Works Loader

The town took delivery of loader well in advance of winter months.

5. New Business:

1. Quit Claim Deed: Betram Woods Realty  
\$9,728.14

Map/Lot    002-061-002  
                  002-061-027  
                  002-061-028

Motion on floor to sign the quit claim deed by G. Demos, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

2. Updated Watershed Plan for Seabasticook Lake:

(Brian Wilson of the Drawdown Committee)

Brian brought forth his findings on what a future might look like and how we are to proceed to apply for grant and hire a consultant firm. It was agreed that a meeting would be scheduled with all interested parties (Lake Association, Drawdown Committee) to bring recommendations, review past plans and a future, and discuss all education and financial aspects. Mr. Wilson will notify the 2 consulting firms that we will be deciding in approximately 2 months or more.

3. Ambulance discussion

An extensive 45-minute discussion took place to decide to purchase a new ambulance and equipment totaling \$327,278.00. Once purchased fully equipping and licensing would take 6 months. Discussion included dialogue from the fire chief Jeff Chretien, Ambulance Committee members George Phelps and Maxine Pare, Town Manager Jim Ricker and the Selectboard members. G. Phelps and M. Pare voted in favor of immediate purchase of ambulance due to the severity of emergency response availability. An array of questions and concerns were brought forth including how taxpayers would be affected and what licenses staff would need to operate the new vehicle. Amount being requested is most of the cost \$292,000 (\$90,000 from Fire Capital Equip, \$172,000 from ARPA, \$30,000 from Ambulance Reimb). An additional \$10,050.00 donation was just secured making the remaining amount \$25,228.00 to be obtained through further fund raising.

Motion on floor to proceed with purchase of ambulance and equipment equaling \$292,000. Motion by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, K. Rush voted in favor, D. Berry abstained, all else in favor, motioned carries.

4. Paving Completion

Paving will be complete by the end of this week.

6. Warrant

Motion on floor to accept warrant by B. Clarke, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor unanimous.

7. Adjourn

Motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos. No discussion, all in favor, unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie M. Harris  
Town Clerk