

## Town Notes

3/9/2020

Present: Marilyn Perry, Nathan McCann, Elaine Higgins, Joe Freeman, Hilary Fleming, Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Erna Keller, Ron Price, Laura Greeley, Frances Walker, and Travis Price.

Selectmen Secretary Alyssa Brugger taking notes.

Meeting called to order at 6:12pm

Fire Chief Jim Watermen reports he has a business meeting tonight, contract for the town of Knox will be entering its last year this year from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Total would be \$8,889.53 (?). Will negotiate new contract next year with at least one Selectmen and Fire Chief present for negotiations. New resident on Beaver Ridge Road with 15 acres, new house number 111. Discussion of who to talk to regarding road/building questions.

Public Works director Travis Price thinks the dirt roads are holding up well, frost is about 90% out. This winter Public Works held back on salt on those roads to help with this spring's road conditions.

Travis tried to lock down a price for Smithton road for the future repairs. Will require a grader, would like to repurpose some of the material to add to the shoulder of roads. Town will do work themselves, and then hire Pike to haul material to site.

Next year's plan for Penny Hill Road, Travis thinks we will need to pull away everything and replace base, etc. To replace with 2" of pavement is roughly estimated at \$100,000.

Treasurers Report by Erna Keller, payroll is \$5,022.89, A/P this week is \$6,377.75, ending checkbook balance is \$133,055.81. Received check from Central Maine Cost Recovery for \$738.00 for January 2020 collections.

New shredder needed for Cindy. Steve made a motion to purchase a new shredder, Ron seconds motion. Unanimous.

Ron makes a motion to pay payroll warrant and A/P, Steve seconds motion. Unanimous.

Citizen Issues and questions: Steve received a call from Restorative Justice Committee of Maine, the Selectmen are invited to a meeting next week in Belfast to hear about their new initiatives. Elaine will go to represent board.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector absent, Cindy left Sallyanne's sample.... Ron makes motion to make it wood with gold detail, Brian seconds. Unanimous.

Fiberite shut down due to technical issues, town will be making a trip to landfill this week.

General Assistance: Need to finish up an abatement- waiting on paperwork from Town Clerk.

Coronavirus: CDC lab in Augusta is only place to get test kit currently in State of Maine. Frances reports the state can handle 200 Coronavirus tests daily. As one 1pm today no one in Maine has tested positive, however things can change quickly.

Planning Board: Meeting tomorrow.

Old Business: Spirit of America Tribute has been reviewed by Selectmen. Ron makes a motion to approve Spirit of America Tribute for Town Meeting, Brian seconds motion. Unanimous. Meeting with Montville board of Selectmen this Friday 3/ 13/2020 at 5pm regarding plowing.

New Business: Are we ready for Town Meeting? Elaine will be picking up information from Prentis. Steve has a draft for Economic Development, he would like it to be reviewed by Selectmen.

Town mailbox needs to be adjusted so door doesn't blow open.

Steve and Ron thanked Brian for his years on the Select board.

MRSA 405 (6) E Legal Matter executive session starting at 7:28pm – 7:46pm

Ron makes a motion to adjourn, Brian seconds motion. Unanimous.