

Select Board

9/14/2020

Present: Alyssa Brugger, Nathan McCann, Dylan Turner, AnnMarie Adamson, Cindy Abbott, Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Travis Price, and Jim Watermen.

Public Works: Travis reports ditching on Mitchell continues, moving to Rollins then to Beaver Ridge, dig safe sent in at 4pm. Ron and Travis reviewed insurance/liability. Jim gave list of 30 dead end roads, discussion of whether many of these needed the signs or not- depending upon private, or visibly not great roads, etc. Discussion will continue as to what to do next week.

Travis asks to go into Executive session Legal 1 MRSA 405 (6) E, Ron makes motion, Elaine Seconds Unanimous. 6:35-6:57pm no decision made.

Ron makes motion for Steve to talk with Kelly regarding a legal issue as soon as possible, Elaine seconds, unanimous.

Select Board Workshop: 9/22/20 at 6pm and meeting with Jackie 9/23/20.

Treasurer Report: Ron makes a motion to make August School payment, Elaine seconds. Unanimous.

Ron makes a motion to pay \$100,000 on TAN, Elaine seconds, unanimous.

Steve makes a motion to pay payroll \$3,500 and AP \$18,962.52, Ron seconds, unanimous.

Town Clerk: Absentee ballots, should we get a drop box?? Cindy will check on absentee box.

Parks and Rec: Would they host a meal for volunteers after Skidgell lot clean up?

Steve makes motion to approve a drive thru trunk or treat, Elaine seconds, unanimous.

Fire Department: Jim reports on 10/17 there will be a drive up chicken dinner, and on 11/4 a hunters breakfast, covid guidelines will be followed. Select Board will monitor pandemic and make their final judgement two weeks prior to event.

Citizen issues: Nathan McCann asks for better clarification regarding Marilyn's attendance last week, is there a regulation or Mill's statement regarding only Zoom?

Ron responds that Marilyn was with Elaine because they had a Planning board meeting following Select Board meeting, so instead of keeping her in car they had her come in. 5 million people have tested positive, quite possibly could be more, for that reason he does not want it open to public yet, he sympathizes with internet issues. Ron wants it to be fair and first come first serve is not the answer. Ron feels like this is how it will be for a while.

Nathan questions where this comes from, legislation? Mill's mandate?

Ron replies he is doing what he thinks is safest for town and family.

Steve inputs that MMA is doing everything by Zoom.

Nathan replies that the numbers are not accurate about how many have tested positive, and that the probability of getting seriously ill is minute.

Steve replies in disagreement about numbers and states that the CDC says 5 million tested positive with 200,000 deaths, that's 4% mortality rate. Maine is the oldest state by average, he does not want to take any chances.

Steve agrees he does not like wearing masks, Zoom, etc but it's a tough time and we have to make tough decisions. We, the Select Board, don't do it for the money.

Nathan comments as if the Select Board does not care.

In reaction to Nathan's comment Steve does not understand, the Select Board does care.

Nathan replies that he would again like clarification regarding what law or mandate they are following.

Elaine says Maine is in a state of Emergency, something like the wedding up north is a concern.

Nathan replies he will no longer be reporting on the Select Board meetings.

Old Business: Ron makes a motion for Skidgell Lot mailer, Elaine seconds, unanimous.

Elaine makes a motion to adjourn, Ron seconds, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm