

Selectmen and Board of Assessors meeting minutes for 07/16/2024

In attendance: Willie Ingraham, Joshua Larrabee, Jeffrey Stevens, Ivy Larrabee, Sheldon McCormick, Tom Berry

Meeting called to order at 5:59pm by Josh Larrabee

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Voted all in favored for approval.

The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Expense and Revenue report was reviewed.

Sheldon McCormick was in attendance representing a group of people looking to form a committee for school closures. This committee would be meeting with RSU 3 to review all aspects of closing the smaller RSU 3 outlying schools. They were looking for signatures from Selectmen in each town showing support for this to be put together. The Selectmen were in support of this and signed the requested paper. The meeting with RSU 3 would be tentatively August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Berry was in attendance to review the trailer on his property. Jacky had inspected the trailer and stated it was in very poor condition. She had drastically reduced the assessment value due to the condition. Tom stated he has removed the trailer, and it is now in a dumpster. He was in attendance requested the value be taken off for the 2024 commitment. Because this was after April 1<sup>st</sup>, it comes to a Selectmen vote. They all agreed to removing it as it is now gone, and we have not yet committed. Voted all in favor.

Tom also declared that he is not a business, and PP112 will be closed as such.

Josh spoke to Tom as there has been a complain about him driving his dozer on the Kenney Road with no mats. The informant stated the road was being torn up. Josh requested Tom to stop as we need to protect the towns investment in our roads. Tom agreed.

Jacky prepared an abatement for RE418 for \$190.74 as the land was sold, and double billed incorrectly. All the Selectmen agreed and signed the abatement.

Jacky also left a note for RE 238 stating she had processed the homestead application, and the account has been updated.

PP20 owner spoke with Jacky. He has declared not a business for 2024. Selectmen voted all in favor of deleting this account for 2024 commitment.

Jeff Stevens signed the 1190 form for 252 Kenney Road.

Josh Larrabee reviewed the LRAP funding update. He filled the form in representing the town and the road work completed.

The Selectmen reviewed the election results from the Waldo County Budget Committee.

Jacky prepared a new depreciation schedule for the town's personal property. The Selectmen are all in favor of being more aggressive with the depreciation to ensure residents are not being taxed too

high on older equipment. They have not yet approved the new schedule; all received a printout to read over with an explanation of how it will work.

Ivy reached out to MMA Legal regarding collection on unpaid personal property. The law reads as follows:

In addition to the remedies listed about fir the enforcement of real estate or personal property taxes, there remain three other processes that can be used to enforce any unpaid tax. These are: (1) a civil action brought in the name of the collector; (2) a small claims action; and (3) a civil action brought in the name of the municipality.

Ivy will be reaching out to our lawyer, Bill Kelly, to review the unpaid current personal property accounts to initiate civil action in the name of the municipality.

There have been a few roads brought to our attention from the heavy rain we've been having:

1. Alicia Goodine's culvert: Josh reviewed this, this is her driveway and not the town's responsibility.
2. Old County Road: Josh reviewed this. He stated that we need to put cold patch in this area as it is ledge under it and all the materials they have placed have washed out.

Josh has been talking to Derek Larrabee about the road work to be completed. He will be reaching out to FC Works for the Larrabee Road as well as a few others for specific jobs. Road work should be starting in August.

Lawn and Order contacted Josh regarding Sunnyside Cemetery. There are a few graves sinking that need to be filled in. Ivy reached out to the cemetery committee to see whose responsibility this was. According to Marilyn, it's the committee's responsibility to review the condition of the grounds and bring it to the Selectmen's attention and they can delegate the work to be done. Josh will be reaching out to Lawn and Order to see if this is something they are willing to complete for us above their contracted price.

Josh spoke that he received a call from RSU 3 stating Melissa Tyler has backed out of the School Board position. Josh requested Ivy to reach out to the next highest vote, Derrick Spaulding. All three Selectmen were in favor of that.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13pm