

Selectmen's meeting minutes for 08/01/2023

In attendance: Willie Ingraham, Peter Curra, Joshua Larrabee, Ivy Larrabee, David Schofield

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Willie Ingraham

Pervious meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Special town meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

The warrant was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

The expense report was reviewed and approved.

David Schofield spoke about the law protecting towns under 4,000 people was changed as of July 2023. He was uncertain when it was going into effect. This will give the town two options. We will either have to hire a code enforcement officer for inspections and other permit work, or file for an extension from the state. If we file for an extension, the town must vote in an ordinance to make the landowner responsible for doing the permit footwork. With this law change, we will be looking at requiring occupancy permits in the future.

David also spoke about the cemetery on Suitor Road, East Knox Cemetery. He would like to hire a company for limb removal. This company would be charging \$2,250 a day to bring his equipment in and remove limbs that could potentially damage the stones under them. Josh asked how many days this would take, David is estimating three. Willie spoke if speaking with Thornhill about doing this as well. David would also like to put in place a repair plan and have stones changed out to make mowing maintenance manageable. Ivy said she would talk to Contessa about cemetery funds and bring to the selectmen for review. Once they review funds, they can decide how they want to move forward with tree and stone maintenance.

Peter Curra requested an updated farm share list. Per review of the account, we have distributed the funds to New Beat Farm this year for the Farm Share. The account has been updated to show just "Farm Share".

We received a letter from the state on 07/20/2023 on the Shibles Rd Bridge. They have inspected the bridge and have posted it for three tons. This section has been listed on the incomplete work for FEMA reimbursement, however due to previous inspections, the town has decided to pull it from FEMA and reach out to Jim Foster, "Road Ranger", to move forward with repairs. Ivy will be reaching out on 08/02/2023 to pull this section from FEMA, and then reach out to Jim to move forward.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm

Thank you,

Ivy Larrabee
Clerk/ Tax Collector