

Selectmen and Board of Assessors meeting minutes for 09/03/2024

In attendance: Willie Ingraham, Joshua Larrabee, Jeffrey Stevens, Ivy Larrabee, Peter Nerber, and Jane

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Josh Larrabee

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

The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Expense and Revenue reports were reviewed.

We ordered the Linseed oil to treat the blocks in the salt/ sand shed. We called and priced it out with five different companies. Macs gave us the best price out of everyone, and we've had a credit with them. Total cost after credit was \$626.02 for 30 gallons.

Josh and Ivy met with Jason Sneiders regarding Dutton Pond Road winter maintenance. He's the chief boat access point representative with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. He informed us we have the authority to shut Dutton Pond Road down for winter maintenance, however if we do so IF&W will not be stocking for ice fishing. We have a few options: 1. We stop plowing and the state will no longer stocks for ice fishing, 2. Turn the road over to the land owner and the state can have an agreement with them to stock the pond, or 3. Continue to maintain for winters but have Bo only use a smaller truck to plow to avoid taking the big trucks down in. Josh spoke that he does not want to take fishing away from the residents, and he would be in favor of having Bo maintain the road still through the winter just to keep it open and passable. The other two Selectmen were in favor as well.

Dutton pond road was trimmed by Derek Davis. Josh said it came out great and they will be starting work on it this week to complete FEMA.

We have 16 people that still owe 2022 real estate taxes. Per the town meeting in March of 2024, article 27 passed to require 3 years back taxes once the foreclosure notice letters have been sent out. We will be informing the 16 people on this 2022 list. As of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 they will be required to pay all three years owed to avoid foreclosure.

Our IT guys, Beneficial Technologies, have given us quotes to upgrade our phone systems to avoid having people roll over to the fax line if the main line is busy. This will be the same price we're paying already with Direct Communications. This change would mainly be to be more accessible to our residents. Selectmen all voted in favor of this.

Beneficial Technologies has also given us recommendations to upgrade our security system. Again, this would not save us monthly, but the new system would have visual aids added. Selectmen all voted in favor of this.

There was a donation request from Winslow Community Cupboard. Selectmen all spoke that they would prefer to keep our donations local to Waldo County and benefitting our residents.

Ivy had a list of current outstanding 2023 personal property accounts. We have 6 accounts outstanding. We have reached out to Bill Kelly regarding these to initiate liens. The Selectmen discussed what would be more financially responsible with tax payer funds. The total of these

accounts is \$891.10. We would spend significantly more to pursue collections. Josh spoke that he didn't feel it would be responsible for us to pursue as we would be spending more money than the collected amount, however it would not be fair for the residents that were responsible and did pay their bills. The Selectmen have tabled this for next meeting to review the pros and cons each way.

Ivy spoke that we are over \$2,353.13 on our assessing budget as we have completed a full revaluation for personal property accounts. We will need to review this for the special town meeting to add funds to start a revaluation of real estate accounts.

We've had a few residents reach out to the office regarding their curbside trash not being picked up. Ivy will call Bolsters on Wednesday to review this with them.

Meeting Adjourned 7:01pm