

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

7:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

KAREN JAMES

ERIC DURGIN

CORY HALE

Meeting called to order with all 3 municipal officers present. Patty Barber also present for a short period of time.

Patty – is member of the Mt. Division Rail line and is concerned about the possible decision made to tear up the tracks that run through Hiram. Feels that Hiram could benefit with the train coming back through town. Would encourage businesses to use and possible passengers to use if run a passenger car once or twice a week to go to Portland. The advisory council has suggested removing the tracks and making a trail for walking and biking and connect with the Brownfield trail. Upset that townspeople and abutters never got a chance to express their opinions. Patty asked if the board would support and possibly host public meetings to inform the public about the Mt. Division Rail line. If a trail is made through the town, the railroad has stated that it is up to the town to maintain. Board asked when is the final determination date and Patty stated she thinks sometime in June 2023. Feels informational meetings should be held prior to that date. There are 2 bills that are still in the development stage (LR) that need to be worked out then brought to the legislature for votes. Board stated they would be interested in hosting a public meeting to inform the public of this process and her concerns.

Board reviewed the meeting and workshop minutes and approved as read.

Board reviewed warrants and signed with no changes.

Marylou spoke with Diesel works about the harness and cables for the F550. Diesel Works said that the truck would need the adaptor – Quote of \$940 for parts and install and the truck would be there for a ½ day. Ask Greg to take up to the shop.

Board signed the town meeting warrants and Alison Lehouillier will sign them.

Road side clean up – Discussed having a weekend in the spring to pick a road or area along a road for clean up. People would collect the trash and take to the transfer station themselves. Board chose 1st Saturday and Sunday in May. No children unsupervised allowed.

Karen stated that her father just found out about a program through Spectrum that gives people a \$30 credit towards their bill if they qualify. Terry will find the program and add it to the newsletter before sending out.

Posting roads – board delegate signing of the signs to Greg (road commissioner).

Marylou will check with Chris (IT) about connectivity to SHFD for internet.

Board discussed draft of fire department policy

Board reviewed letter to Rollins – made minor changes. Terry will change and leave on counter for board to sign over the weekend.

General Assistance – emergency number – as of now Terry and Karen are listed to call of emergency assistance when the office is closed. Terry has received 2 phone calls in the last 2 months in the middle of the night. Marylou contacted other town offices to find out who they have listed and they use police dept. Marylou contacted Oxford county and they agreed that their number could be placed on the sign for emergency assistance. They said that’s what they are there for. DHHS gave their ok as well to use police dept.

March 16th Karen and Marylou unable to attend the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted,
Terry Day**