

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 15TH, 2023
7:00 P.M.
8:10 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN
CORY HALE
KAREN JAMES

Meeting called to order with all 3 municipal officers present.

Board reviewed warrants and signed with no changes.

Board reviewed minutes and accepted as read.

New Law may be passed – tax acquired property sales rules and regulations change so that any profit made from the sale is returned to the previous owner.

Painting quote – Scott Kruse put in a quote to paint the town office and the library. Board voted to accept his quote for both places.

Ken Harmon will start painting the HFD interior next week when he gets back from his vacation.

Dale and Jen Miner, Tyler Smith and 2 others to consider to do small jobs around town.

Tearcap project update –

Sturgeon gave Karen a revised quote showing the details of the proposed project to be 1,100 feet up Tearcap Road from point 0 to the intersection from Hampshire Street and Tearcap and then down Hampshire street 2,350 feet totally 3,450' = \$337,852.00. Voted at town meeting to take \$300,000 from fund balance and the rest could be taken from Capital Improvement reserve or Road reserve account. Karen spoke with Jim at Sebago Technics and he is happy with the change and feels there is no need for engineering input. Marylou suggested to wait until early September to have a public hearing to take the balance from the road reserve.

Update on Tree Growth lot beside the fairgrounds. Terry stated that acreage had been swapped between Jack Wadsworth and Bill Johnson Jr.. Actual swap is between Wadsworths and the Music festival organization which is tax exempt. Board will check with the assessor agent to see about future tree growth penalty if the property is removed from the tree growth program.

Board signed volunteer insurance form, Chaps request for liquor license for a wedding, one for the musical festival and one for camp camp.

Matt Stacy from Stacy's Burner Service – gave a quote for modines for the SHFD. Both units have cracks in them. Cheaper to replace then to fix. Quote is \$16,834.93. Board stated that it needs to go out to bid for anything over \$5,000. Put an ad in the shopping guide for bids. Karen will write the wording for the ad.

TRIO upgrade hosting the web vs getting a separate server. Meets the straight face test switching to the hosting vs server still computer equipment. We are having connectivity issues need to look at the wiring.

Terry mentioned that the railing outside the office should be replaced. She had to take a splinter that they had gotten from the rail, out of a customer's hand. Marylou stated that she had someone look at the railing. Karen stated those would not work and told everyone what is required. Board looked at the railing outside and stated that it was built wrong in the first place.

Marylou asked to have the board approve the two deputy fire wardens so in order to be able to give out the information for burn permits. Joe Cooper for the south end and Darryl Ward for the East End of Hiram. Board approved.

Digsafe – Greg started digging out ditches on Hampshire St. when a state car pulled up and informed him he had to stop immediately and contact DIGSAFE. The official was asked why since the ditches have been there over 50 years and just cleaning out the debris that washed into them from the two major storms. The official stated it is the State law even though it is the town digging ditches. Terry contacted digsafe and notified them of the places Greg was working in the next few weeks but this needs to be done on anything and anywhere the road crew is digging at least 3 days in advance.

Stanley Pond dam had some washout around it. Greg put some rip rap in to see if it helped that abutment.

Tri-Town – board stated that Parsonsfield is buying two new roll-offs for the station.

**Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted
Terry Day**