

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2024
7:00 PM
8:10 PM

Karen James
Eric Durgin
Cory Hale

The meeting was called to order Karen was unable to attend. Patty Barber, Ken Harmon, Dan Hester and Greg Sawyer were all present.

The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board entered executive session at 7:03

To hold an executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405(6), to consult with the town attorney concerning the board's legal rights and duties and pending litigation in connection with *Day v. Town of Hiram*.

The board exited executive session at 7:13

Minutes from the August 8 meeting were clarified by adding the last name of Anderson under Town Garage paragraph.

Signed the previously approved warrants from August 15 and signed the warrants for August 22.

Special Town Meeting – set the date of November 21, warrant articles so far are the funds for the Counties error on assessment and final expenditure of ARPA funds.

Library – reviewed accounts for the replacement of the oil tank, repair funds are low for 2024, staff will contact Stacy Burner to see if replacement can be done in 2025.

Sidewalk repair – Hiram/Porter line. Brent is looking for a financial commitment from the Town, board discussed needing to figure out the portion of sidewalk that is in Hiram and pay accordingly. Cory will try to get measurements before our next meeting.

Sand/Salt piles – Ken Harmon requested 1,500-2,000 yards of sand, he stated he plans on mixing in the salt as needed. Need to contact Dana and see how much sand he needs for the upcoming season and put it out to bid.

Excavator Rental – Ken delivered the excavator for Greg Sawyer to use on culvert projects, he was unable to use the equipment, board said that Ken should get his delivery fee of \$200 as stated in the estimate.

Town Garage – Greg requested a container be delivered to the garage site from Tri Town Waste Disposal to dispose of the old metal culverts located at the garage lot.

Trafton Way project – Emma reported that Mr. Crowley was uncertain the overflow culvert would be helpful, both the board and Greg agreed they should proceed with installing the overflow culvert. Greg

requested Emma let the Crowley's know the road would be closed Wednesday August 28 from 8 to noon.

Abatements and Supplements –

1. Signed abatement the Wentworth parcel that is landlocked with no deeded right of way
2. Signed the abatement for the Fosters – billed to old property owners
3. Signed supplement for Patterson correcting ownership
4. Signed supplement for tree growth penalty on a Wadsworth parcel.

Clemons Pond Association – Elicia Carmicheal president of the association sent an email to the board and staff requesting permission and possible funding to erect a kiosk at the Clemons Pond boat launch to clean up the area. Board approved \$700 from the Parks and Rec account for the project. Marylou will speak with the association.

Leases at Town Property on So Hiram Rd. – Marylou will email current contact to the board members for them to review and discuss at our next meeting if time allows. Discussed looking at verbiage regarding contractor vehicles being stored on site.

Roadway Damage – Greg presented the board with photos showing damage done by the plow contractors on River Rd. Board said they would invite the in contractor to discuss it.

New Settlement Rd – Ken brought up the corner by Rudy Hales house, the pavement is pretty much gone, Greg will try patching the corner. Going to have the meeting on the 5th to discuss the next stage that entails cutting the trees hoping to have the trees removed in 2024.

Wilderness Lane – Joanne decided not to come in after hearing from a neighbor that her other neighbor has a septic plan filed with the town. Dan and Guy were both present to discuss the ongoing issue on Wilderness Lane. The campers do not fall within the shoreland zone, Dan did mention that there is a shed that needs to be addressed by Saco River Corridor. Staff will contact Jody to see if they can encourage her to come in.

Mtn Division – Patty mentioned the meeting she attended in Brownfield had a lot of valuable information. Staff will forward the email Patty sent to the board.

Noise Ordinance – Ken Harmon inquired if we had a noise ordinance, and we do not.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Stacey