

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES
Amended

July 6, 2023
7:00 P.M.
8:20 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN
CORY HALE
KAREN JAMES

Meeting called to order with all 3 municipal officers present. Dan Hester and Pat Dietzel from the Soldiers Memorial Library were also present for part of the meeting.

Board reviewed warrants and signed with no changes.

Board reviewed minutes and accepted with amendments.

Library FOSML Grant – They ran into complications trying to find a contractor who was willing to alter the exterior / interior of the historical building and changed the scope of the grant request. Dan and Pat presented the board with a revised plan that was submitted for the ARPA Maine State Library grant, which they have been awarded \$98,070.00. The new project is based on creating a remote workspace for patrons, a large outdoor pavilion and installing heat pumps on both levels. They provided the town with a copy of the new proposal and a list of potential contractors. The grant funds are available through 2026. It was suggested that they ask Patrick Crosscup to investigate the Efficiency Maine Energy Rebates on the heat pumps. The board requested copies of the required insurance document to be filed with the town office; proof of liability insurance, workers compensation or the predetermination status form and regular updates on the project.

Library Front Door – Concerns were brought up about the leaking around the door into the existing bathroom downstairs. Dan stated Ben Dietrich had a proposal to address the issue by adding an alcove to the existing entrance. Dan will bring this proposal to the board in the future.

Heating Fuel Bid – The town received one bid – CN Brown Heating Oil #2 - \$2.709
K-1 - \$ 3.369

Board accepted the bid for the 2023/2024 heating season.

Town Owned Equipment repairs and issues reported-

Backhoe – the transmission has started to slip; Brad Sanborn took the backhoe into dealer in Westbrook to be looked at. F550 needed four new tires, took truck into Sullivan tires this week. (will have all new tires) Greg informed the office staff he had sold the plow from the Freightliner to Todd Pierce, for \$2,000.00. Those funds are to be placed back into the Public Works Reserve Fund per the public hearing. The new truck also needs new brakes, running into a few more issues than anticipated.

Need to look at road budget and see where we stand, discussed the ditching on Hampshire St. Would like to review road expenditures and projected expenses.

Norman Wright 97 Hampshire St - board revised the letter to be sent addressing the ongoing concerns at that location will mail out once board signs the revised letter.

Tax Commitment 2023 -board signed the commitment papers, the tax rate for 2023 is \$12.36 at 100% assessment ratio. Taxes are due August 14, 2023, interest begins on September 12, 2023.

Tannerite Complaint – Over the holiday weekend the board members received a complaint regarding the usage of Tannerite. It was suggested the town create an ordinance, the board discussed this and felt that the State Laws address this issue and took no action.

Unknown Apartments - Discussed various locations that have undisclosed apartments that have not been properly permitted. Letters were sent out this spring notifying the owners that they would be taxed for multiple units and to contact the town with any questions. Need to investigate how other towns address unknown apartments when someone comes into the office for town business.

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Stacey