

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2023
7:00 P.M.
8:15 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN
CORY HALE
KAREN JAMES

Meeting called to order with all 3 municipal officers present. Greg Sawyer present for a period.

The board reviewed warrants from August 3 and signed them with no changes.
The board reviewed minutes from the July 20 meeting and accepted as is.

FEMA: Greg and Emma discussed how the site inspections with the FEMA/MEMA teams went on Thursday. Emma explained that they were told that it could be a while before any reimbursements come in, especially if FEMA decides to combine the December disaster with the May disaster. Apparently, there were a lot of applicants for the May storm since there was significantly more damage, especially since FEMA is short staffed.

The mitigation team came out and took some pictures of what Greg would like to mitigate for culverts and they will be reaching out at some point with next steps. There is one culvert that was severely damaged during the December storm on Triptown Road that will need to be mitigated before snow falls, otherwise it could cause an ice block, which would cause more damage to the road/culvert. A FEMA member mentioned possibly needing an H&H Study done before the Town does anything to it because it is located near a small stream. Emma asked what course of action we should take for funding that because it could be a while before we see any reimbursement. The board discussed and decided to add to the August 17 PH to use funds from the Road Reserve account for the emergency road repair expenses from the December & May storm. When reimbursement is received from those, it would be put back into the reserve account.

The board asked Emma to reach out to Sebago Technics to find out more information on the H&H Study. They also requested that an ad be drafted to request bids for the Triptown culvert work.

Equipment: F550 is currently at Scott Chapman's getting the new fuel tank installed. It was also discovered that the transmission tube was leaking, causing the truck to be out of commission, so that is being repaired as well. Greg stated the rental excavator is being returned on Tuesday.

The backhoe is at Nortrax getting repairs done to it. Cory spoke with Nortrax regarding what it would cost to repair it, they estimated it to be around \$12,648. Cory stated it was going to be less than that due to not all repairs being necessary. The board decided to schedule a Special Town Meeting, to see if the townspeople will authorize the necessary repairs for the backhoe

Paving: The board followed up with Greg on paving for this year. We got a quote a few months back from All States Construction to do Durgintown Road for \$168,898. The board agreed that they still want that done. Board agreed that they want to stay within the road budget for 2023.

Hampshire St update: The board discussed the communications that went back and forth between the landowner on Hampshire Street that is concerned with the town cutting trees in the right of way, she believes are on her property. Karen would like to forward her all the information that the office staff were able to find on the road. The landowner sent an email to the board that had snippets of a survey that was done on the property but gave very little information. The landowner is supposed to schedule

a meeting with the surveyor at the property location, Karen would like to attend that so that everyone can understand what is going on and make sure all information is retained. Karen stated that Sturgeon is starting the road work on Tearcap Road next week and asked him to start on the opposite end of the road so that the town has time to figure everything out before we start any work/tree cutting near her property.

The Municipal Valuation Return was signed by the board.
Eric signed the MDOT Local Roads Appropriation that is done annually.

Mailboxes: Marylou presented the board with a sketch of the structure of the new mailboxes that are being put outside. The postal service is tearing down the ones that are currently outside the town office and replacing them with new ones, but they are leaving it up to the town to decide where to put them because they are on town property. Marylou reached out to the plow contractor and asked what his thoughts were on placement and what would make it easy for him; he stated that he thinks it would be good to put them over on the grass on the right-hand side of the road. The board agreed that would work.

Staff will update the ad for the public hearing.

Fire Department Boat – the chief received a request from Denmark Chief to retro fit the boat with a jet drive motor which is better suited to river rescue use and from then on, the boat would be shared between the two departments. The selectboard deferred the decision to Chief Norcross.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emma Ouellette