

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2025
7:00 PM
8:30 PM

Karen James
Eric Durgin
Cory Hale

The meeting was called to order with all three municipal officers present. Bruce McLaughlin and Ken Harmon also present for a period of the meeting.

The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board approved minutes from December 19, 2024 as typed.

Board signed previously approved warrant from 12/26, 12/31, 1/2, & 1/9.

Added agenda item under Address Anyone Present – Bruce McLaughlin and Informational Items – Mt. Cutler Letter from Dan Hester.

Bruce came in to follow up with the board on his concerns of plow contractors pushing snow against his property and moving the rocks and trees that he planted. Ken did state that he talked with Karen after the last meeting about it and would try better moving forward when pushing the snow to not move his rocks.

Porter/Hiram Sidewalk – Brent Day sent an email out last week requesting that each town and the school write a letter to the State requesting support for the repair of a section of the sidewalk on South Hiram Road. Eric will work on writing the letter on behalf of the Town of Hiram. Karen suggested reaching out to Jim Libby and Nate Wadsworth to see if they would write something as well.

Road Commissioner Submissions – Board received two applications from Richard Humphrey with RAM Mulching & Property Maintenance and Kyle Estes with P.Y. Estes & Son, Inc. Board will review them at the workshop on January 16th.

Winter Roads Contracts – Board reviewed verbiage in the current plow contracts that states if the Municipal Officers are happy with the work of the contractor, they can choose to extend their contracts for the next 3 years. Board would like to get pricing from the current contractors and potentially offer the extension to them. Ken stated he would keep his price of \$5,000/mile for 2025-2028 and will submit it in writing to the board. Emma will reach out to the Shea's next week.

Chairman signed annual OSHA 300a reporting form.

Office Staff reported that there were complaints on social media about someone leaving trash at the North End Salt Shed, not sure who is doing it. Eric mentioned that someone was at the salt shed getting sand/salt the other day, before there were new locks on the gates. Board would like to get signage for both salt sheds for authorized personnel only.

Road Commissioner Cell Phone – Currently the town pays for the Road Commissioner’s cell phone. There is no contract on the phone, so all we pay for is the service. If there is a new Road Commissioner in March, the board agreed that if Greg wants to keep it, he can and just get his own service on it, otherwise the town will take it back.

Board signed appointment paper for the Registrar.

Budget Review – Board reviewed the budget for 2025. Still waiting on quotes for a few things. Board would like to advertise for a new CEO after Town Meeting and hopefully have someone work with Guy for 4-6 weeks before his retirement in July.

Board plans to focus on repairing roads this year and take the Trafton Way project out of the General Roads budget. The New Settlement Road funds will be re-allocated this year because they were never used in 2024. There will be no paving this year to focus on the Road Commissioner transition and ensure that we work within the budget.

Board will continue to look at budget at the 1/16 workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Ouellette