

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2024
7:00 P.M.
8:30 P.M.

Karen James
Eric Durgin
Cory Hale

Meeting was called to order with all three municipal officers in attendance. Greg Sawyer was in attendance for a portion of the meeting and Patty Barber was in attendance for the complete meeting.

The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board accepted the minutes from April 18, and signed the warrants for this week and signed the previously approved warrant from April 25.

Agenda item added under New Business, New Settlement Rd & Complaint.

At 7:05 the board made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA§ 405(6)(E) to consult with legal counsel, at 7:22 they exited executive session.

ARPA – discussed getting quotes on paving the remaining portion of the parking lot at the town office and or looking into repairing a section of sidewalk in So Hiram that is located at the town line with Porter. Ken Harmon submitted two quotes, one for redesigning a portion of the counter at the town office his estimate is between \$3,400 & \$4,400, the second quote is for repairs at the Town Garage which includes replacing some of the doors for \$11,640. The board requested Ken to come into our next meeting to discuss the quotes. Staff will get quotes on the parking lot and bring back to the board, one of the board members will discuss the sidewalk project with the Town of Porter.

Trafton Culvert – reviewed the ad, bid sheet and project review sheet, after minor changes which moved the deadline for the bids to June 6 and the pre bid meeting to Thursday May 15th at 3:30pm all were approved. Need to investigate whether we need a permit or not for the project. Requested Greg to flag the trees he feels should be removed prior to the pre-bid meeting.

Culvert Order – Emma found better culvert pricing from Paris Farmers Union and will be placing an order for the culverts needed for this season. They will be delivered to Gregs house.

At 7:47 the board made a motion to enter executive pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) for a personnel matter, at 7:54 they exited executive session.

Greg briefly discussed the culvert near Patty Barber House on King St. Greg will meet with her on site.

Logging – Eric met with Walt Pugsley logger, Nate Howard, and Greg Gay both from DOT to review potential sites to cross the railroad for the logging operation. DOT will install a crossing at the ROW site off from Gould Farm Rd at no cost to the town. The board decided on a 16' crossing, Marylou will contact Greg and let him know. Eric Noble will allow the town to use his property off Rte. 113 for the landing, a permit will be needed from DOT but there is no cost for it. Will need to investigate either purchasing or renting mats for the crossing, we will need 3 mats cost is estimated \$350-\$400 each.

ROW Blocked – the access off of Gould Farm is currently blocked by a Green GMC with NH Plates. Emma will contact property owner Lisa Rollins and explain that the vehicle will be towed if it is not removed.

Library – discussed the improvements being made at the library, we will need to see about adding this to our insurance once the project is complete and see about ongoing maintenance for the heat pumps. Marylou will reach out to Ken Teele to see if he would be interested in giving us an estimate on the chimney, board suggest utilizing a lift for the project due to the slate roof. Eric will stop by and look at the composite decking that has been painted previously.

Tree – 69 Main St – Eric believes the tree is located on town property and we should get prices on getting it removed. Emma will contact at least three tree removal services to get pricing.

HFD Roof- it was reported that there is leak in the roof that is located near the top landing in the right-hand corner. This could damage the new flooring; Eric will look at it. This is the opposite side of the roof that was repaired last year.

New Settlement Rd Project – need to invite residents along the projected project to meet with the board on June 6, to discuss tree removal, stone walls, and such for public input.

Rodent complaint – received a complaint from a resident on Garden Dr regarding the trailer located on So Hiram Rd which has a large pile of household trash in the yard. Staff will try and reach the property owner and discuss their concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Stacey