

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2024
7:00 P.M.
7:50 P.M.

Karen James
Eric Durgin
Cory Hale

The meeting was called to order all three municipal officers in attendance. Patty Barber and Greg Sawyer were also present.

The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board accepted the minutes from June 27th, and signed the warrants for this week and signed the previously approved warrants from July 3rd.

Road Commissioner – Greg updated the board that the radiator for the Backhoe was installed this week and seems to be running fine.

Greg got two quotes for installing two culverts on Dearborn and Douglas Road. The board discussed the way that we request bids from contractors and need to make sure that we have plans typed up so that all contractors are bidding on the same project. The board did not open any bids and decided to let the Road Commissioner rent an excavator from Ken Harmon and just install the culverts himself.

Greg informed the board that he would be doing work on Tearcap Road Next Thursday and would have a portion of the road closed for a few hours. We will advertise in the Shopping Guide.

Oak Woods Drive – Amber Randall, a member of the Oak Woods Dr Association came into the office a few months back inquiring about the road becoming a Town Road. The Town can accept the road as either a Town Road or just an Easement. There would need to be a petition for either option, then it would need to go to a town vote. The board asked that Amber be contacted to start a petition if that is what the association wants, and if time allows, it can be voted on at next year's town meeting.

Trafton Way – After talking with the State, it was discovered that to start the project on Trafton Way, the Town would need to obtain permits from the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers, which is costly and takes time. Therefore, the project will need to be pushed to next year. Karen will reach out to Sebago Technics about getting plans drawn up. The board discussed putting in an overflow and road plates for this year to maintain the flooding, until the replacement can be done.

Emma got a quote from White Sign for Mt. Cutler trail signs. They are \$42.45/sign. The board voted to purchase those and take funds from parks and rec account.

Eric and the CEO received an email from a concerned resident over the weekend. There are 15 campers parked on a property on Wilderness Lane, none of which are connected to any sewer or water. The people staying there are bathing in the river, and were making lots of noise all night long, disrupting neighbors. This was an issue in the past as well and the Corridor Commission got involved. The board would like to talk with the CEO and the Corridor Commission again about this issue.

Emma also informed the board members that Guy Lehouillier has put in his year notice as Code Enforcement Officer. He will be retiring in 2025.

2024 Tax Commitment signed, tax rate of \$10.88.

2024-2025 LRAP signed - \$59,600.

Emergency Operations Plan signed for minor updates made by the fire chief.

Eric received an email from the Fire Chief with concerns about Sebago Rescue being toned before other local mutual aid, when Sacopee is not available, which is not helpful for local calls. Augusta Dispatch have asked Rescue Chief, Mike Hatch to update them in the past, and it has not been done. The board would like to invite Nate Wadsworth to the next meeting to discuss this with him.

One of the Fire Trucks in South Hiram has a broken door. Ethan got a quote to repair of \$7,421.09. Marylou will be submitting an insurance claim on it next week.

The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Ouellette