

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2024
7:00 P.M.
8:25 P.M.

Karen James
Eric Durgin
Cory Hale

The meeting was called to order with all three municipal officers in attendance. Patty Barber, Sacopee Rescue representatives, Mark Bolton, Bev Russell & Loreli Shepard, and Guy Lehouillier were also present.

The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the July 11th meeting were amended and approved.

Signed the previously approved warrants from July 11th and approved the warrants for July 25.

Sacopee Rescue – Discussed the concern with Sebago Rescue being toned first for all mutual aid calls. Rescue is aware of the issue and trying to update the cards that are used for dispatch in Augusta. Mike is working on splitting the Town of Hiram on mutual aid calls with Augusta. Asked the board to let them know if they encounter an issue with a particular call for, they can review all calls. Mid shift has been suspended for three weeks due to a funding issue rescues income is down over 12% for 2024. Concern was brought up that we approved a budget that includes that level of service. Multiple issues caused this shortfall. Looking at adjusting the payment schedule to avoid this shortfall in the future. Asked the rescue representatives to please let us know in the future if there is a potential shortfall, that we would be willing to send our payment in earlier than scheduled if possible.

Mountain Division Trail - Patty Barber informed the board that a David Swirk, from Conway Scenic Railroad would like to use his resources to keep the railbed in place, at a class two level which allows for freight and excursion usage of the railbed. He would like to meet with the board to discuss his ideas. Patty mentioned that Fryeburg raises \$25,000 for the maintenance of the trail annually.

CEO Guy Lehouillier – Inquired how he should handle violations that are ignored, he sent two certified letters this summer that were unclaimed. They recommend having the sheriff's office assist with serving them as well as contact MMA legal for advice.

Account balance questions had been already addressed.

Trafton Way – Karen has been in touch with Sebago Technics, the project will most likely happen in 2025 due to the need for engineered plans and working with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Library – When Stacy Burner Service cleaned the furnace at the library, they indicated the oil tank leaks and should be replaced. They submitted a quote for \$3,534.04 to remove and replace the tank with all the necessary fittings. The board inquired about the age and such of the furnace. Will revisit at our next meeting.

Documents signed by the board-

- a. catering permit for Kora Kares
- b. 2024 Municipal Valuation Return,
- c. two abatements ,one for Lajoies Logging removal of the old schoolhouse, and the other Van Asselberg, due to deterioration of the structure on site located on King St.
- d. Supplements – Tree growth penalties for Zelman lots on Notch Rd.
- e. Bangor Savings Bank resolution adding Eric Durgin as a signer
- f. MMA Executive ballot for officers

Sidewalk – Discussed the email from Brent Day regarding the use of Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District to review the Hiram/Porter sidewalk issue and create engineered plans for the project. What portion of the project is in Hiram, how many hours do they estimate? Need additional information on the project, will need to contact Brent for information. Need to look at possible funding for the project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Stacey