

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Sept. 21, 2020

6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Brian Smith called meeting to order at 5:59 PM.
2. **Review minutes of previous meeting & Annual Town Meeting:** Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Jeff Davis to accept minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Adjustments to Agenda:** NONE
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Beach Road - Aschettino Request - Find center of road at Town's expense**
 1. **Carmine Defalco - road maintenance:** Both Paula Aschettino and Carmine Defalco spoke issues on Beach Road. Mrs. Aschettino reminded Selectmen and audience of the history of the conflict and requested the Town pay to have CES return to locate the center of the "way." Mrs. Aschettino advised the new sign recently erected does not meet with her approval and must be removed. She requested a custom sign with her wording applied. Selectmen advised a landowner can erect a sign of their choice on their land. Mr. Defalco explained the large numbers of folks parking, drinking, and littering along his portion of the road. Selectmen encouraged Mr. Defalco to call WCSO when these circumstances arise. Selectmen advised culvert on Mr. Defalco's property will be repaired soon and boulders returned closer to 16.5'.
 - B. **Loader**
 1. **Select Vendor:** After review of quotations, Mike Hinerman seconded Motion of Brian Smith to authorize Jeff Davis to make the decision as he has more knowledge on the subject. Motion carried.
 2. **Select Financing option:** After discussion of options, Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to authorize Clerk to make the decision on financing and to carry-out appropriate paperwork to that end.
 3. **Set date for Special Town Mtg.** Special Town Meeting date was set for 10/13/2020 to authorize the purchase of the loader. However, in review of the 2020 Town Meeting Warrant, voters approved the article which allows Selectmen to make this type purchase without such meeting. Meeting not scheduled.
 - C. **Boat Bids:** Brian Smith opened the only bid for the boat. Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept the offer from Dan Rongo of Cutler in the amount of \$2501.00. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk will notify Mr. Rongo.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Machias Water / M'port Fire:** Mike Hinerman explained the costs of filling fire trucks at Machias Water. Mike further advised of extensive repairs needed for trucks #261 and 263. 261 has a leaking tank and 263 needs tires and wheels replaced.
 - B. **Paper Talks Magazine / Pierre Dumont:** Mr. Dumont submitted a request For advertising in the Paper Talks Magazine. Selectmen determined that due to financial issues this year, they would not be placing an ad.
 - C. **Solar Power -** Brian spoke of possibility of solar farms in Machiasport. Due to the length of the meeting, this topic was tabled.
 - D. **Grant Opportunities:** Clerk advised of grant opportunity requiring a site Visit before the end of October. Although questioning the stipulations of the grant, Selectmen advised Clerk to have the site visit conducted.
6. **Public Comments:** Joyce Smith advised , in her opinion, solar farms are a "huge eye sore"

with a small return on investment. Bob Mercer stated his agreement that Beach Road is too wide and encourages parking.

7. **Selectmen's Report:** Brian advised tax bills are out, and he has been notified of a couple that have not been received.
8. **Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Included in binder
9. **Tax Collector's Report:** Included in binder
10. **Executive Session:** Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(c) **Personnel issue:** 7:45 PM Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to enter executive session for a personnel issue.
7:49 PM Returned from executive session. **Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to have Clerk produce RFP for auditing services. All in favor, motion carried.**
11. **Adjourn:** Brian Smith seconded motion of Jeff Davis to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.




Brian Smith



Jeffrey Davis



Michael Hinerman



Marcia Hayward / Clerk