# **SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM BY THIRD SELECTMAN MARK COFRAN.

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**ROLL CALL:** JESSE MCNALLY, CHARLES PRIEST, MARK COFRAN, BRIAN MOURA, KERRY MCINTYRE, MAT MCINTYRE, SUSAN PRIEST, LORI MOURA, RAY CHAMPION, BRIAN BLAK, AND THE LINCOLN NEWS.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023. MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY CHARLES. VOTE 3-0.

#### AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

MAIL: ALL MAIL WAS OPENED AND READ. A THANK YOU FROM THE BURLINGTON FOOD PANTRY FOR THE TOWN'S DONATION.

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES: NOTHING AT THIS TIME.

TREASURERS REPORT- CURRENT REVENUES WERE GIVEN.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT- LOOKING AT SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR 30 DAY NOTICES.

#### **WARRANTS:**

**WARRANT 39-** A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY CHARLES, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT, WARRANT 39, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,107.50. VOTE 3-0.

**WARRANT 40-** A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY CHARLES, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT, WARRANT 40. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,915.29. VOTE 3-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

BLT- AS OF JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> WE ARE APPROXIMATELY AT 50% OF LAST YEARS HAULED LOADS AND 25% OF BACKHOE HOURS CHARGED. THE BURN PIT IS DOING WELL.

**BUDGET REVIEW-** MEETING PENDING NEW CLERK.

**TOWN PROJECTS/MAINTENANCE-** RAY STILL HAS SOME AREAS TO ADDRESS ON FOGG BROOK RD. THE BOARD ALSO STATED THEY WILL BE CONTACTING THE GRADING COMPANY TO GOOUT TO MAKE SOME GRADING REPAIRS TO ESCUTARSIS.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BID FOR SAND SHED REPAIR-** THE BOARD REQUESTED THAT A BID GO INTO THE LINCOLN NEWS FOR THE SAND SHED REPAIRS THAT NEED TO BE DONE. BRIAN WILL DRAW UP THE AD.

IT REVIEW- BRIAN BLAKE MET WITH THE BOARD TO DISCUSS SOME BUDGETARY CHANGES TO WHAT WAS ANTICIPATED FOR THE PHYSCAL YEAR. THE TOWN WEBSITE WILL BE CHANGED TO A DIFFERENT PLATFORM AS WELL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK AND SECONDED BY CHARLES TO APPROVE THE NEW IT RECCOMMENDATIONS. VOTE 3-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK/TREASURER-** THE BOARD AGREED TO APPOINT LISA WOODWARD AS THE NEW TOWN CLERK/TREASURER STARTING SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023. MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK AND SECONDED BY CHARLES. VOTE 3-0.

# TOWN OF LOWELL

2023

PUBLIC COMMENT: RESIDENT MATHEW MCINTYRE DISCUSSED THE TOWN REVALUATION AND WHERE WE WERE IN THE PROCESS. JESSE STATED THAT THE COMPANY IS ESTABLISHING REMOTE ACESSS WITH THE TOWN'S IT PROFESSIONAL TO GAIN REMOTE ACCESS. WE ARE LOOKING AT A 2024 TAX COMMITMENT YEAR FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE REVALUATION. MAT ASKED ABOUT 2023 TAX COMMITMENT TIME FRAME AS WELL. JESSE STATED THAT WE ARE IN ANTICIPATION OF A SEPTEMBER COMMITMENT DATE BUT GOING FORWARD THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE TOWN ASSESSOR TRAVIS ROY ABOUT THAT.

MAT EXPRESSED TO THE BOARD HIS THANKS IN ANY MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND ARE CONTINUING, TO ADDRESS THE CORNER OF RT 188. HE HAS REACHED OUT TO REPRESENTATIVE CARMICHAEL AS WELL AND THERE IS CONTINUED DISCUSSION WITH DOT. BRIAN IS REACHING OUT TO THE DOT CONTACT AS WELL AS REP CARMICHAEL AND SENATOR TIPPING FOR FURTHER HELP AND HE WILL BE THE MAIN POINT OF CONTACT FOR FURTHER COMMUNICATION.

SOME DISCUSSION WAS HELD ABOUT A RESIDENT'S CONCERN WITH THE BUILD UP OF SAND/SHOULDER BUILD UP NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF ESCUTARSIS AND WEST OLD MAIN RD, AND THE ALLEGED WATER RUNOFF OF THAT MAY BE AFFECTING THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THIS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF YEARS OF WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE/SALT-SAND APPLICATION AND NOT OF ANY ACTIVITIES THAT MATHEW AND KERRY MCINTYRE HAVE CONDUCTED DURING THEIR PRESERVATION EFFORTS OF THE "LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE" SITE AT 5 WEST OLD MAIN ROAD. THE BOARD HAS ASSIGNED MR. RAY CHAMPION AS THE APPOINTED ROAD COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE THE ISSUE AND TO PURSUE CORRECTIVE MEASURES.

BRIAN ALSO DISCUSSED A RESIDENT'S COMPLAINT OF A FLICKERING/MALFUNCTIONING LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF ESCUTARSIS AND WEST OLD MAIN RD. IT WAS INDISPUTABLY CONFIRMED THAT THE LIGHT IN QUESTION IS ON A PUBLIC UTILITY POLE, AND NOT ON A PRIVATE POWER POLE. FURTHER, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWN, OR RESIDENT, AND NOT THE MCINTYRE'S, TO CONTACT THE UTILITY COMPANY TO ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE APPROPRIATE REPAIRS OR OTHER SUITABLE REMEDY.

MATHEW ALSO ASKED THE BOARD IF THERE HAS BEEN INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM KDI REGARDING WATER QUALITY TESTS? JESSE STATED THAT THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING AT THIS TIME BUT WHEN WE HAVE, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND POSTED AS SUCH.

KERRY MCINTYRE GAVE A "GOOD LUCK" TO JESSE MCNALLY REGARDING HER TRANISTION TO A NEW CAREER AT PENOBSCOT COUNTY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY CHARLES TO ADJOURN AT 6:25 PM. VOTE 3-0. NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2023/AT 5:30 PM.

**BRIAN MOURA** 

**CHARLES PRIEST** 

R. MARK COFRAN