

## Selectmen and Board of Assessors meeting minutes for 05/20/2025

In attendance: Willie Ingraham, Jeff Stevens, Joshua Larrabee, Ivy Larrabee, Mark Chadwick, Vicky Larrabee, Nancy Quimby, and Ray Quimby

Meeting called to order at 5:56pm by Josh Larrabee

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Voted all in favor for approval.

The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Selectmen were given expenses and revenue reports to review.

Mr. and Mrs. Quimby were in attendance to discuss the Brooks school board candidate. They are representing Craig Work. They gave written documentation as to where Craig stood on what he sees as current schoolboard issues. They left a write up, to be posted in the office, explaining his background.

Mr. and Mrs. Quimby did also note that there is no one on the June ballot for Jackson for the school board, but the write in option right now is Renee Fox.

Mr. Quimby gave us a brief background to the difficulties Brooks experienced regarding their solar ordinance. It took the town 5 years to pass a plan.

Mark and Vicky were in attendance representing the Planning Board. They reviewed the solar ordinance examples from other towns and are working to make it fit Knox.

Mark asked the Selectmen if they would be ok with having a board of 7 vs 5 as it ensures we will have the correct number of people for a minimum quorum. The Selectmen all three agreed.

We have entered a contract with Beneficial Technologies. This is our IT company. The contract price is cheaper monthly than what we're paying for services as needed.

Josh stated we have gotten all but two of our variances signed for the transfer station. DOT and Knox Ridge Baptist parsonage has not been completed yet. Willie noted that while he may be out of the distance requirement, we needed to ask Alan Clark as well to make sure we maintain a good relationship with all of our residents.

Town clean up day was May 17<sup>th</sup>. The gentleman we had work it for us said it went really well. We have had a couple emails the day after, and the Monday after, stating it wasn't posted well enough for people to know it was happening. Ivy told the Selectmen it was posted on the sign, in the office, and sent two emails out for reminders. One resident requested we have another clean up day this fall. All three Selectmen voted no as this was not budgeted.

Ivy noted that she has been receiving lots of messages regarding town business on her personal Facebook. While during office hours she doesn't mind, or simple text requesting to disable the alarm for meetings, she will no longer be answering these messages outside of office hours.

Jacky and Ivy reviewed the Farm and Open space applications that have been turned in. A few have not completed the full application process and have not provided income verification for this program. This is a requirement. Willie noted that if they cannot provide the requirement of the

income verification they will automatically be denied as this is a state requirement, not just the town. The Selectmen all agreed on this.

Ivy noted that there have been some changes on the state level regarding veteran's excise tax exemptions.

RE416 was in a Tax Acquired status. The property owner came in and paid all the back taxes, removing this from town foreclosure.

Ivy submitted a grant request back in September for new sit/ stand desks in the office. This grant was approved May 16<sup>th</sup> for the full amount. The desks have been ordered and will be delivered on 05.21.2025.

Ivy reminded the Selectmen we will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day.

Meeting Adjourned 7:27pm