Selectmen's meeting minutes for 08/15/2023

In attendance: Willie Ingraham, Peter Curra, Joshua Larrabee, Ivy Larrabee

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Willie Ingraham

Pervious meeting minutes were reviewed. Peter and Josh both noted some corrections needing to be made. Ivy will be correcting these and bring for next meeting for approval.

The warrant was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

The expense report was reviewed.

Ivy spoke that the Knox Historical Society asked if we wanted to add a space in the 2024 calendar for a dedication to Galen. Willie and Peter both approved of this being done.

Ivy spoke to the Selectmen about the property account problems we have been encountering. It appears that we have duplicate accounts being re-billed incorrectly. Per review with Jacky Binette, the Assessing Agent, Account 313 Abated for $475.30 it was a duplicate and should not have been billed:

Loni Spaulding was hired as the new Town Clerk for Unity. She is requesting an excise tax agreement with Knox. All Selectmen voted in favor of this being done.

The office received a phone call this week from American Concrete confirming delivery. Galen ordered a custom catch basin back in April. This was designed for the culvert area in front of Kinney's Sugar House. Josh spoke he didn't feel confident it should be installed as it being a dirt road, it will fill constantly with debris and need a lot of maintenance. Peter spoke of finding a different place for this to be installed so to not waste. We also have the option to post this for sale.

We received an email this week stating the ARPA funds are now able to be used for road repairs. We have already allocated the remaining funds to be used for the sign installation.

Sand Pile Bids were due 08/15/2023. John Cranouski and Derek Larrabee both submitted a bid for 3500 yards of winter/ sharp sand. Johns Bid was $10.99 a yard for 3500 yards, mixed with salt and put in the building. Dereks bid was $13.99 a yard for 3500 yards, mixed with salt and put in the building. Peter made a motion to give John the bid, voted all in favor. Willie spoke he would reach out to John to let him know.

Ivy brought up ordering the salt. We got prices from Harcros and New England Salt. Harcros was $85 a ton delivered, New England Salt was $75 a ton delivered. The Selectmen spoke of the quality of salt being provided. The town as previously purchased from Harcros and the $85 a ton was with the previous customer discount. The Selectmen all voted to continue ordering from Harcros. Ivy will call and order 4 loads of salt to be delivered and put in the sand shed until John is ready to do pile.

Josh spoke of speaking to Jim Foster regarding the Shibles road bridge. Jim is willing to meet with the Selectmen to review the condition and give advice to move forward with repairs. Josh said Jim mentioned potential temporary corrections, so we can plow the road as well as emergency vehicles being able to use it. We will need to get prices after the inspection to see I that is financially wise to do a temporary fix verses a permanent fix.

Josh then spoke of the Old County Road and Kenney Road intersection. Bo brought this to the attention as the plow truck in unable to make that turn without digging in the road. Josh mentioned the road could use gravel on the corner so the plow truck is able to turn without digging the road up more. This was tabled for the Selectmen to go and assess the road.

Josh also spoke of the field Dalys hay off the Suitor road. When the road was built up, the field entrance was made impassable for trucks to get in and out the field. Josh asked who would be responsible for repairing this for them. This was also tabled for the Selectmen to go and assess.

Ivy mentioned that Tara Bowden called regarding the culverts sitting in her driveway. She noted these have been sitting almost three years for installation. Josh said he would bring this to Derek and see what the timeline in for completion as there are others that need to be installed as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm