

Selectmen and Board of Assessors meeting minutes for 08/20/2024

In attendance: Willie Ingraham, Joshua Larrabee, Jeffrey Stevens, Ivy Larrabee, Jacky Binette, Jim Murphy, Elise Brown

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.

Jacky's Agenda:

Jacky presented the 2024 commitment suggestion. The Selectmen reviewed the numbers. They voted all in favor of the suggested mil rate, and signed the 2024 commitment.

RE345 submitted an application for Open Space. Jacky reviewed this information and felt there wasn't sufficient information to approve this. She did reduce some of the acreage value to account for the vernal pools on the property. The Selectmen voted all in favor for a denial on this application. Jacky will draft a letter to the resident.

RE456 and RE457 submitted an application for Open Space. Per review of the deed, there are several use restrictions on the property development. The landowner also allows several public uses. This this information Jacky feels Open Space is accurate for these lots and should be approved. The Selectmen voted all in favor for approval.

RE162 Submitted an abatement request as the value on the building on his land was already too high at 100% finished, and it was actually under construction. Jacky reviewed the property and documented it with photos. She was in agreement with the property owner, and presented the Selectmen with the abatement request. They voted all in favor for a \$1,765.28 abatement.

Elise Brown was in attendance to discuss any issues the Selectmen felt the Waldo County Commissioners Office could help with. She told the Selectmen what she'd like to see if she were to be voted in. They discussed potential issues coming up with school changes, as well as budget concerns.

The Selectmen requested Ivy to draft and send out the 2024/2025 winter sand pile bids.

The Selectmen discussed the linseed oil needed for the sand shed blocks. Willie said previous years were about 30 gallons. Josh will go to Home Depot to purchase this and get this job completed.

Josh spoke Derek Davis's crew will be on Dutton Pond Road 08.21.2024 to grind the trees back.

We will be ordering culverts for driveway repairs. We will also be ordering hot top for repairs.

Josh spoke about a special town meeting for the following issues:

Dutton Pond Road- Discontinue Winter Maintenance

Thomas Lane- Discontinued Winter Maintenance

Shibles Road Culvert Replacement

Adding Funds to the Assessing Budget

We were hoping to have an audit back, however we have not yet. The Auditor is working on both 2022 and 2023.

We received a quote from Beneficial Technologies for a guest WIFI network. The Selectmen reviewed this proposal and voted all in favor for approval. This will secure our office network and still give the ability to our residents to use during office hours as needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24pm