

Selectmen's meeting minutes for 11/07/2023

In attendance: Willie Ingraham, Joshua Larrabee, Ivy Larrabee, Contessa Mancini, David Schofield

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Joshua Larrabee

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

The payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Contessa presented the Selectmen with a proposal from First National Bank. Currently the town banks with Down East Credit Union. We have found that we are not insured for money listed in the account. We understood the account to be insured for \$250,000 per person listed on the account, however it is written as insured per account holder. First National Bank has offered us more insurance for the town's money and benefits such as in house check processing. Selectmen both voted in favor of the transition.

Ivy showed the Selectmen an email from FEMA. We have officially been obligated for both the December storm and the May storm. FEMA stated in the email they will start distributing money in January of 2024. Federal reimbursement is 75% of billed amounts, state is 15%, and the town will be responsible for the last 10%.

Account R648 was found to be a duplicate account. This account had a balance of three years past due. They both voted in favor of writing this balance off before the 2023-year end to avoid this rolling over. Duplicate R247 is paid in full up to date.

The Selectboard received a letter from the Brooks Ambulance INC. They will be putting together a planning board to review a new location. They are asking for a Selectmen from each town they serve to be involved in this planning. Both Willie and Josh tabled this to think it over.

Contessa put together a sticker price review. We are currently paying \$1100 for 20,000 stickers preprinted with numbers. If we were to buy stickers from Uline and print them ourselves, we are looking at \$126.00 for 24,000 stickers. Selectmen tabled this as we are discussing different garbage removal options in the future. We will keep these prices in mind if we stay with the same process we currently have.

The Selectmen have signed a contract with Bolsters for curbside garbage removal from now until the town meeting. Matt Bolster was gracious enough to pick our town up in a short notice for the current contract price we had with Sullivans. The Selectmen have discussed with Matt the possibility of having a transfer station in the future and what those prices may look like for the town. They will be working with Bolsters as we as other companies for multiple options between now and the town meeting to have the most information possible to vote on.

The Selectmen voted and approved of making the Selectmen stipend accounts a regular payment vs as requested. Current and future Select board members will have the option to received weekly, monthly, or quarterly payments as work is done.

Cindy Larrabee requested using the Town Office for future snowmobile cub meetings. Both Selectmen voted and approved.

Tom Piersiak came in and spoke of the wooden bridge on Old County Road Extension. He said this was missing some boards. Offered for the Selectmen to get some from him for repair. Selectmen will review.

Philip Shibles mentioned the road between his house and the chicken house is very rough. Josh spoke that that section and the Oaks road needs to have potholes filled in before snow.

The office had a call regarding the Sutor Road sign missing, two replacements were ordered.

David Schofield discussed the violation fee schedule. Hed like the Selectmen to think about updating the fee schedule. He will be working on an article to put on the warrant for this update. He also mentioned the cannabis ordinance. He said he would also review this for us and provided an update for review.

Ivy showed the Selectmen the new fees for Health Trust Insurance. They have increased 4.25% for an individual. Town current has budgeted policy for one employee. Ivy found Healthcare.gov laws saying the town is able to provide an HRA program to the employees. This gives the town the ability to have a reasonable employee insurance budget as well as allows the employee to choose their own coverage plan. Selectmen will take time to review how much should be budgeted per employee.

Ivy was asked about a Town Facebook page. Selectmen asked who would oversee it. No one volunteered. Tabled for future discussion.

Adjourned 7:04pm