

Selectmen and Board of Assessors meeting minutes for 11/19/2024

In attendance:

Willie Ingraham, Joshua Larrabee, Jeffrey Stevens, Ivy Larrabee, Jacky Binette

Meeting called to order at 5:55pm by Josh Larrabee

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

The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Jacky has been in contact with RE492 regarding the denied abatement request. Per the property owner, there is an easement on the property from Farmland Trust and she feels she should receive a value reduction because of this. The abatement denial stands, and Jacky will be in contact with her advising to resubmit the abatement with supporting documents. She can also apply for a current use program for value reductions if she feels.

We need to send personal property declarations out soon. Farmland applications will start to be reviewed. We will also be following up with the veteran exemption applications we have requested.

Jeff Stevens signed the grant application for the snowmobile club as they are required to go through the town for this reimbursement.

Beneficial has given us an official proposal for IT. It comes to \$1,068.66 per month. This is more than we pay currently. It would be a flat rate fee, vs the pay per ticket we are currently doing. It also offers more coverage and security.

The Selectmen reviewed the MRC Board of Directors candidates, and submitted a vote.

Jacky asked the Selectmen to be thinking about how they want next year to looking with assessing. She is willing to do one day a month to come in and assist with any requests and commitment. The Selectmen all agreed to have Jacky stay on for one day a month to ensure assessing is being handled correctly. Ivy has taken the CMA exam and will be taking on more of the weekly requests and field reviews. There will be some title changes in the office to be compliant with MMA, but no new employees to be added.

Contessa has been in contact with our auditor for the 2022 audit. We are anxiously waiting for this to come in, but he has not completed it. We still need 2022, 2023, and now approaching the 2024 audit. We will be reaching out to other firms to get this moving faster.

Ivy recommended Carol Hamblet for the 2025 book dedication. All three Selectmen agreed.

The Larrabee Road has been completed, and will be re shouldered 11.20.2024 by Works. This came in a bit more than budgeted. There was other roads on the plan that will come in under budget, so the overall 2024 budget will not be over.

D. Larrabee Construction will be resurfacing Abbott Road 11.20.2024.

Knox Station Road is still on the list this year. Flat Road is also on the list to be completed. Josh will reach out to Bo to review the turn arounds and gravel to be added.

Randy from the engineering company has reached out to Josh regarding the Shibles road bridge. We were planning to have a special town meeting to review and vote on the costs, but we do not have an audit back yet. We will be required to fix it next year to the states' standards or it'll drop back to 3 tons max. Josh will be in contact with Randy again to review our price options and have them ready for the annual town meeting to be voted on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm