

Selectmen and Board of Assessors meeting minutes for 12/17/2024

In attendance:

Willie Ingraham, Joshua Larrabee, Jeffrey Stevens, Ivy Larrabee, Jacky Binette, David and Marilyn Schofield.

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Josh Larrabee

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

The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Expense and Revenue reports were reviewed.

Jackys Agenda:

RE#97 has requested and a reduction in the value of his property as there is a hole in the roof of his barn. Jacky reviewed the property and found that the barn was valued too high for the condition, however the overall property value was in line, if not a little lower than it should have been. The Selectmen all voted in favor of reaching out to assess the entire property to make it fair verses just reducing the barn value.

Josh spoke that in the future if someone would like a specific piece of their property reduced, we will now be doing an overall review and ensure the entire thing is valued fairly. All three Selectmen agreed on this, as well as Jacky.

Jacky has been in search of farmland applications as we have about 120 accounts with the farmland reduction but no applications to follow. We will be sending letters out to these residents for renewal as they have to be updated every 5 years anyway. Ivy will start working on these.

We will be sending Personal Property Declarations out end of January. Ivy will start working on these.

Jacky has also committed to staying with us one day a month through 2025.

David and Marilyn came in to show her work on the cemetery maps. She spoke that a company has reviewed the Knox Station Cemetery for work to be completed. They were quoted \$10,000. David said if he could get a crew to help out would cost a fraction of this price.

Marilyn also spoke that the Historical Society would like the towns participation with the old school house. Josh spoke that the town is a separate entity and at this time has nothing to offer for participation.

Ivy asked what the Selectmen would they would like to see for office hours for the holidays. All three Selectmen agreed we would be closed December 24th and 25th. We will be closing early December 31st, and closed January 1st.

All three Selectmen signed the Thorndike Fire Agreement. Ivy will send that over Wednesday, December 18th.

Philip Shibles took on the Unity Ambulance committee as the Knox Representative.

The Flat Road washed out in the storm this last week. Josh and Derek have fixed this.

The Abbott Road was damaged a little bit when it was plowed as it was soft. Josh and Derek fixed this.

The Old County Extension bridge runners were replaced.

Its time again to choose a Spirit of American Award Recipient. Jeff Nominated Bo Spaulding. Josh and Willie both agreed he was great for the award. Ivy will send that on December 18th.

The Selectmen signed the abatement requested spoke about in the last meeting for RE412.

Bolsters has been in contact with the office and Josh. A resident, 29 Kenney Road, has been putting out trash with not enough stickers. The first week Bolsters only took the bags with stickers. The second week the resident waited for the truck to come through and argued with the guys until they took them to avoid conflict. Ivy will be in contact to review.

Willie asked about Selectman Papers for this next election. Ivy will be getting those ready. First Selectmen is up for election this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm