

MINUTES

September 21, 2022,

4:00 p.m.

Place: Town Office, 70 Snare Creek Lane-Lower Level Jonesport, Maine

Opened by: Selectman Fish, Selectman Milliken, & Selectman Alley.

Attendees: Ira Kelley, Cynthia Beauvais, Tim Anderson, Kathy Killian and Irene Rogers

Approval of Minutes: *September 14, 2022*

Motion to accept by: Selectman Fish, seconded by Selectman Milliken, Approved.

Signatures:

A. Warrant:

B. Sign snowplow contract: Snowplow contract signed. Copy to be sent to Sid's Inc.

Members of the audience who want to speak must raise a hand. It is at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to allow a member of the audience to speak during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Bridge issue off Main St. – planning board letter:** Selectman Fish made a motion to contact Betsy Fitzgerald, CEO, to provide a list of violations according to the Land Use Ordinance. Site page and sections where they occur. Have Betsy recommend penalties. Ask her if she considers the road a structure and is there a driveway or road that leads to the property. There is a survey which Mark Faulkingham has. Selectman Milliken seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. **Alcohol Referendum signatures for return:** Selectman Milliken made a motion to sign the alcohol referendum notice of return, certifying that Howard Mills posted the alcohol public hearing notice to the different businesses in Jonesport. Selectman Fish seconded the motion.
3. **Consultant for road projects contract:** Selectman Fish made a motion to hire Dean Bradshaw as a consultant for the multiple road construction projects around Town at his hourly rate, provided he makes periodic inspections of the projects. Jim Carver is working on the specs for the RFPs. Selectman Milliken seconded the motion.
4. **Bridge Replacement:** There were questions concerning the fire dams that are in need of replacement, along with the bridges. Michael Wight, bridge project manager, will be told the dams are property of the Town of Jonesport and the Selectmen would like them repaired/replaced, if possible.
5. **Jim Carver, extra time to start bridge:** The Town needs a more exact date to post for road closure.



6. **Complaint about Fire Road condition:** The Fire Road will be assessed before the Kelley Point Road is closed for bridge installation.
7. **Broadband Committee:** Elaine Abbott and Diane Smith will be invited to the next meeting to collaborate with the Selectmen on different options and ideas for the installation of Broadband.

MISCELLANEOUS and FYI:

8. **Request to DEP:** The Selectmen, on behalf of the Planning Board, requested a representative of DEP to attend a Planning Board meeting. The representative declined but said questions would be answered by mail or email. The Planning Board drafted fifteen questions to be remitted to the DEP.
9. **Request from Veterans Memorial Committee:** The committee members present agreed to request the Select Board to initiate those actions necessary for the Town to acquire the high school property from Mr. McNeally and others when, and if, the property comes available.
10. **Steven Weisberger, letter of complaint:** Selectman Milliken recused himself from discussion as a Selectman. Selectman Fish made a motion, seconded by Selectman Alley to write a letter in response to a complaint in reference to a property transaction that occurred after the 1st of April, a lien was sent to Dr. Weisberger. There was a new owner but after the April 1st deadline. The Clerk was rightfully correct in sending the tax lien to Dr. Weisberger. A letter will be sent to Weisberger explaining the situation.
11. **SCEC summit:** Selectman Fish volunteered to attend the November 15th summit.
12. **Request from office staff for cell phone:** Selectman Fish made a motion to allow the purchase of a cell phone with one line for use by the office staff not to exceed \$50 per month, Selectman Alley seconded the motion.
13. **Community Envisioning Session, open to the public, either October 22 or October 29th possibly 10 to 12 am with pizza or 4 to 6 p.m. with pizza, payment?** Selectman Milliken made a motion to pay for the pizza and beverages out of the Comprehensive Plan funds not to exceed \$200., seconded by Selectman Alley.

The Assessor, via email, presented a mil rate of .017 or .0171. Selectmen Milliken made a motion to choose .017 for the mil rate to be used for the upcoming tax bills, Selectman Alley seconded the motion.

Motion made by Selectman Fish Seconded by Selectman Alley to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m.

