

## MEETING MINUTES

March 01, 2023,

4:00 p.m.

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

Opened by: Selectman Fish, & Selectman Alley,

Attendees: Diane Smith, Cynthia Beauvais, Tim Anderson, Clifford Norton, John Church, Kathy Killian, Carrie Peabody, Nancy Beal and Irene Rogers

Approval of Minutes: *February 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes and February 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes.*

Motion to accept by: Selectman Alley, seconded by Selectman Fish, Approved both sets of minutes.

### Signatures:

A. Warrant:

B. Payroll:

C. Certificates of appointment: Signed

*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. **Executive session 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to interview office staff:** Selectman Fish made a motion to enter executive session started at 5:05 for interviews of office staff, seconded by Selectman Alley. The Select Board returned to the regular meeting at 6:03 p.m.

### OLD BUSINESS:

2. **Fire Road Junk Yard/Jonesport Avenue Camper:** Betsy Fitzgerald, CEO, will be contacted by the office staff concerning these two properties. The CEO will ask to write letters telling the property owners what the next legal step will be by the Town. Both properties have been given ample time to correct the violations. Selectman Fish asked Diane Smith, as a member of the Planning Board, to check the Land Use Ordinance to check if a camper can be found to close to the property line because it is movable. Also, see if the camper is registered.
3. **Jonesport old sand pile camper:** Selectman Fish made a motion to contact John Hamer to get legal advice about the camper at the old sand pile, Selectman Alley seconded the motion.
4. **Report on Broadband, Clifford Norton:** The Broadband Committee is sending out surveys to see what the town's people are interested in for broadband service. Clifford and Diane Smith have been doing a lot of research to see what is the best fit for Jonesport. Clifford also reported that the grants will not completely cover the project. It is very important that the cost of broadband not be added to the tax base. Once the surveys are returned, Selectman Fish will call for a special meeting to discuss broadband options.



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5. **Jadah Alley's contract for stray cats:** Selectman Alley made a motion to accept the fees that Jadah Alley presented, seconded by Selectman Fish. A proper contract will be prepared by the office staff for signatures. Jadah will be asked for a copy of her Maine license that allows her to care for stray cats.

**MISCELLANEOUS and FYI:**

6. **New Moosabec Ambulance financial report:** Renee Gray presented a new financial statement to the Selectmen. Copies will be available at the annual town meeting. The previous financial statement is published in the town report.
7. **Sign Articles for town meeting:** Not signed at meeting.
8. **FYI: Online Webinar-update on Washington County Economy:** Selectman Fish will attend the Webinar.
9. **A motion was made by Selectman Fish, seconded by Selectman Alley to appoint Tonia Merchant as Tax Collector, Treasurer, Motor Vehicle Agent and Town Clerk for the Town of Jonesport for a three year period.**
10. **Selectman Fish made a motion to pay the registration fee of \$40. for Diane Smith to attend a Broadband Webinar, seconded by Selectman Alley.**

**Motion made by Selectman Fish, Seconded by Selectman Alley to adjourn the meeting at**

**6:08 PM**