

MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2023,

4:00 p.m.

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

Opened by: Selectperson Fish & Selectperson Cilley, Selectperson Alley was absent.

Attendees: Diane Smith, Tim Anderson, Cynthia Beauvais, Bob McNeally, Elaine Abbott, Jim Carver, Heron Weston, Kathy Killian and Irene Rogers.

Approval of Minutes: *May 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes; NO MEETING May 17^d, 2023.*

Motion to accept by: Selectperson Fish; seconded by Selectperson Cilley.

Approved.

Signatures:

A. Warrant:

B. Payroll:

C. Quit Claim deeds and transfer tax: Both deeds for foreclosed property were signed by Selectperson Cilley and Fish, along with transfer tax forms.

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. **Open bids for road projects:** There was only one bid for the four road projects totaling \$156, 975 from Carver Construction along with a bid for the paving totaling \$199,500. Selectperson Cilley made a motion to accept the bids as presented, Selectperson Fish seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. **Village Partnership:** Jarod Farn-Guillette, with MDOT, will present the info about Village Partnership later. The money issue will be discussed when the Selectboard picks a project. Village Partnership and community resilience Partnership are two different and independent programs but depending on project might need to work in tandem. Public water/sewer study (CRP) might impact on the Village area (MDOT). Selectboard leaning towards a feasibility study for water in downtown area.

B. Community Resiliency Grant: Elaine Abbot presented information on the Community Resiliency grant. A grant consists of \$50,000 with no match needed. The



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Village Partnership is a completely different funding opportunity. The Selectboard members were given a list of what the funds could be used for from the Community Resiliency grants. The first round of grants is July, the second round would be in September. Jen Peters and Tanya Rucosky oversee this program and should be available for questions next week.

3. **Articles for Town meeting warrant:** The special town meeting articles cannot be completed at present. There are two articles in reference to the Solar Ordinance and changes in the Land Use Ordinance that are being refined. By June 1st, the completed articles will be available.
4. **Follow up from Selectboard member Alley, i.e. Mr. Nowak's well issue on Polk Lane:** Tabled until June 7th when selectperson Alley will be available.
5. **Camper on Jonesport Ave (Lamson/Look):** Attorney Hamer will be contacted to ask if or when a fine can be levied for the camper which has two violations; too close to a property line and lot not big enough to have two residences. Camper does not appear to be registered with the Town of Jonesport. There is no license plate.
6. **Fire Road Junkyard:** Dwight Smith Jr. is helping Tim Huntley clean up the Fire Road junkyard. It will be finished the first part of June.

MISCELLANEOUS and FYI:

7. **Permission for Li-heap to use town office conference room: end of July:** Selectperson Fish made a motion to allow Liheap to use the town office conference room for use to sign up residents in Jonesport who qualify, sometime near the end of July. Selectperson Cilley seconded the motion.
8. **The office received a call from Wendy Robinson in reference to broken septic pipe on her property:** Selectperson Fish will be in contact with Joe Cifelli and Jim Carver and report back to the Selectboard.
9. **Summerfest request:** The Moosabec Summerfest have requested deputy coverage for the adult dance on June 30th. Two deputies will be posted there from 8 p.m. to 12 at a cost of \$600.
10. **Sheriff Coverage:** The town has been notified that there will not be any extra coverage as provided in the past. There will be patrols but no extra coverage until further notice.
11. **Advertise for two planning board alternates:** There will be an ad placed in the Machias Valley Observer and on the town website, asking for volunteers to serve on the planning board, as alternates.

12. **Discuss Lakeman property:** The Lakeman family have had Betsy Fitzgerald there to check out the question of a 15' right of way. They will be researching the deeds. In the meantime, Betsy will be asked for a report of the property.
13. **Paved end of Fire Rd. bad shape also, Kelley Point Bridge:** Jim Carver has been contacted to give an estimate on the Fire Road. Also, he will be fixing the Kelley Point Bridge with a cost of \$7800. to the Town for paving.
14. **Litter problem:** There will be a letter written to the resident responsible for some of the littering. It appears there are multiple residents involved.
15. **FYI: Public Hearing on Commercial Solar Ordinance can be held on June 21st before the Town meeting.**
16. **Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. §(405) (a) personnel matters:** Selectperson Fish made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:25 p.m., seconded by Selectperson Cilley. The Selectboard returned to the general meeting at 5:37 p.m. A motion was made by Selectperson Fish, seconded by Selectperson Cilley to advertise the position of assessor, exercising the right to do so under item 4 of the contract.

Motion made by Selectperson Fish Seconded by Selectperson Cilley, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM