

MEETING MINUTES

August 02, 2023,

4:00 p.m.

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

Opened by: Selectperson Alley, Selectperson Cilley, & Selectperson Fish

Attendees:

Approval of Minutes: *July 5, 2023, Meeting Minutes; NO MEETING July 12th, 2023, or July 19th, 2023.*

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

Signatures:

- A. Warrant:
- B. Payroll:
- C. Concealed Weapons Permit: Signed by Harry.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

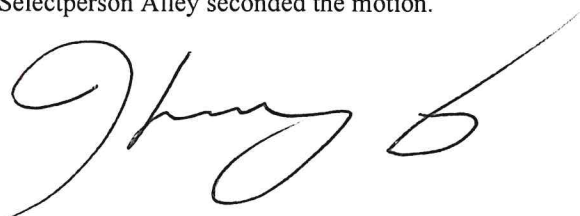
- 1. **Introduction of James Jutras, Grant Coordinator for SCEC:** James has been employed at SCEC for two weeks and he will be a great asset for the Town with his past work record and education.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2. **Jarod Farn-Guillette, Village Partnership:** Jarod explained how the Partnership can join with the Community Resiliency Program for use of funds to the Town's best advantage. Because of its size, the match would be \$20,000 to \$25,000. Selectperson Cilley made a motion to follow through with the program starting with a contract agreement being drafted by Jarod, followed by the RFP process. Selectperson Alley seconded the motion.
- 3. **Update on roadwork:** The roadwork has been completed by Carver Construction. The drainage ditches will be finished in October once the paved roads have dried completely.
- 4. **Comprehensive Plan:** Carrie Peabody has concerns about areas in the Comprehensive Plan, but they can't be addressed until the State finishes the review. The Plan Committee would like to review all comments the State received.
- 5. **Community Garden/Broadband:**
  - A. Diane Smith reported on the Community Garden and presented a drawing showing proposed garden sites. Any resident can have a site and plant whatever they would like.
  - B. Also, she reported on the broadband through Fidium and explained that if awarded a grant with other towns, there would be no cost or match because the State received \$272M in BEAD funding.

MISCELLANEOUS and FYI:

- 6. **Approve Peabody Memorial Library use of campground, West Jonesport Park for portable libraries:** Selectperson Cilley made a motion to approve the library's use of the campground and W. Jonesport Park for portable libraries. Selectperson Alley seconded the motion.



7. **Hopkins Point complaints:** Selectperson Alley will check the culvert from Dela Pond to see if it is clogged. There was discussion about changing the speed limit sign from 25MPH to 15MPH. Because the STOP sign sets back from the intersection, that would be a mote point. Bimbo, as snowplow contractor, will be asked where the town road ends. Once all information is collected, there will be a letter written to Barbara Wright.
8. **Sandy River Beach complaints:** Questions were received in reference to a sign located on Sandy River Beach. It reads "Private Beach Beyond This Point." The discussion was that not all the properties along that beach are on a private beach. The Town does allow posting of signs, but this sign should only be in front of the cabin of the people who posted the sign. It makes it seem as if all of Sandy River Beach is private. Users of the beach have been respectful, and the Select Board want people to continue to use and enjoy the beach.
9. **Approve paying invoice for WCCC membership:** Selectperson Fish made a motion to approve paying the invoice for WCCC membership in the amount of \$1165 out of contingency funds. Selectperson Alley seconded the motion.
10. **Facebook administration:** Selectperson Alley made a motion for Selectperson Cilley to administer the town Facebook page with information approved by the Select Board. Selectperson Fish seconded the motion.
11. **Purchase of Foucher Lane sign:** Selectperson Alley made a motion to approve the purchase of a street sign, "Foucher Lane., Selectperson Fish seconded the motion.
12. **Executive Session: Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A):** Selectperson Alley made a motion to enter into executive session at 4:05 p.m. seconded by Selectperson Fish. The Select Board rejoined the general meeting with Selectperson Cilley making the motion at 4:15, seconded by Selectperson Fish.
13. **Executive Session: Economic Development 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C): CANCELLED.**
14. **Cannabis:** Selectperson Fish and Irene Rogers attended a Rodeo sponsored by the Office of Cannabis Policy, here in the town office. They learned that \$20,000 in funds is available to the Town to reimburse for staff time, meeting expense, advertisements etc. to the Medical Marijuana and Adult Marijuana ordinances in place. The deadline is 2027. Selectperson Fish made a motion to begin working on any items that would reimburse the Town for these expenses. Motion seconded by Selectperson Alley.
15. **Harris-Trio:** Barbie Cirone, as town assessor, requested the credit from Harris be utilized by the Town, in the amount of \$2,429, for the ability to post all sketches for town properties online. Selectperson Fish made a motion to allow this expense, seconded by Selectperson Alley.
16. **Beavers:** Ted Briggs trapped the beavers and has a trap at the Cross Road in case of another beaver appearing. David Look will be contacted about the skating pond; to lower the level of water and remove top of beaver house.

Cynthia Beauvais brought up different issues to the Select Board. They were the missing 45 MPH sign out in the bay, the crosswalk at Sandy River Beach not working, unsightly property around town, no badge for town's ACO, the State-owned building at the marina and rip rap at the washout. There were no decisive decisions made.

**Motion made by Selectperson Fish , Seconded by Selectperson Alley to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM**