

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2024

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Keith Sanborn (Vice-Chair), James Torbert, Joshua Leard, Brent Hallowell, and Yolanda Violette.

1. The meeting was called to order by Seth Bolduc.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 16. Motion carried 4-0-1.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Revaluation review, Rob Duplisea and Zeb Pike of RJD Appraisal, spoke to the board to give an update on the revaluation that is happening and to give next steps in the process. They report the week of August 12 hearing notices will be going in the mail, these notices will provide the new valuation and estimated tax based on a new mil rate of 10.15 (estimated) that reflects 100% market value of the property, as well as instructions on how to schedule a hearing if desired. RJD will be staffing hearings August 26-29 at the Central Fire Station from 9-4 for anyone who has questions or concerns about their new valuation. Anyone can make a 20-minute appointment to speak with an appraiser. At that time the appraiser will be able to go over exact details of the property and make corrections if necessary. When asked if taxpayers could get the exact details of the property ahead of the hearings Rob refused that request citing, that is too much information and would negatively affect the process, but assured it would be available at the hearing for anyone who requests it. Upon completion of hearings the commitment date is set for September 10, 2024.
5. Representatives for Central Maine Power, Katie Yates, Community Relations Manager, Adam Marquis, Project Manager, Justin Tribbet, Director NECEC, and Troy Thibodeau, met with the board discuss road repairs. Central Maine Power has an agreement beginning in February of 2024 that allowed them to exceed weight limits on select roads for access to the existing powerlines needed for the construction of the NECEC powerline. Two roads in question Townhouse and Vigue, received enough damage that they need repair and repaving. An estimate from Maine-ly Paving came in at \$1,558,747.87 for the repair and repaving, CMP representatives asked the town to share in the cost of repairs, they feel the scope of work exceeds damages they caused. CMP advised the Board they have pictures and video of the road condition prior to their use that they will share with us. The Board and CMP agreed to each consult with an engineer to assess the road condition in the video to current conditions and continue the discussion. Troy will get a thumb

- drive with their video to the office as soon as possible. CMP representatives assured the board they will repair damages they have caused.
6. Keith reported to the Board that earlier in the day Lionel Cayer did an inspection of the cow tunnel on Townhouse Road. Lionel reported the tunnel was in good shape for its age and did not need replacement now; he did recommend inspection every year or two.
 7. Mark Hymbaugh and Karen-Ann Hagar-Smith from the Central Lincoln County YMCA came to the Board to introduce themselves and explain the community navigation service that is now available to residents of Whitefield. Community Navigation provides a single point of contact for services for people in need to the most appropriate agencies to fill the need. Beginning in 2023 Lincoln County started to provide funding to this service to make it available county wide. Karen-Ann left contact information with Yolanda so it can be accessible at the town office.
 8. The Board received and opened 4 bids for the town office painting project: Parks Painting total cost of \$9,500, Eugene Winchenbach Painting total cost of \$16,001, Brian O'Mahoney total cost of \$15,000, and Katahdin Property Services total cost of \$9,200. Josh will review and check references for next meeting.
 9. The Board received and opened 5 bids for IT services. The bids came from Eagle Network Solutions, Burgess Technology Services, Lancesoft Inc., Comdoctor.net Inc., and Softsages Technology. All the bids were complete and need more review. Seth and Josh will review for next meeting.
 10. Yolanda reports she has received some thank you letters from organizations that received donations from the town, as well as a notice of a proposed solar farm abutting town owned property in Windsor, an August 5 hearing is planned.
 11. A motion was made and seconded to sign a quitclaim deed to Ann Russell. Motion carried 4-0.
 12. Yolanda reports the LRAP report is complete and being sent this week, we are expecting \$57,124.00 in funds.
 13. A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session-Personnel Matter Title 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(A). Motion carried 4-0. Entered at 8:20, Exited at 9:09.
 14. A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session-Personnel Matter Title 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(A). Motion carried 4-0. Entered at 9:10 Exited at 9:44.
 15. Meeting adjourned.



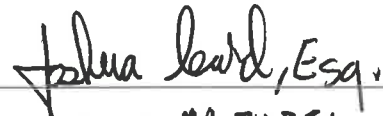
Seth A. Bolduc, Chair



Date



Keith D. Sanborn, Vice Chair



Joshua T. Leard MA 718351



James R. Torbert



Brent W. Hallowell