

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2024

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Keith Sanborn (Vice-Chair), James Torbert, Brent Hallowell, and Yolanda Violette. Not present: Joshua Leard.

1. The meeting was called to order by Seth Bolduc.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 7. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. The Board revisited an easement request from Brooke Joslyn (Stories Maine LLC) to cross town owned property to install a sewer line. Discussion questioned whether or not the installation of the proposed sewer line would prevent or restrict access to the remaining property beyond the sewer line, would there be a septic tank/pump station, or any other structure on town property. Brooke Joslyn will be invited to our next meeting to discuss further.
5. A motion and seconded to appoint Louis Sell as an alternate member of the appeals board. Motion carried 4-0
6. The transmission repair on the grader is expected to be completed this week.
7. This year's roadside brush clearing contract is going out to bid. The scope of work includes 2.7 miles on Heath Road, 1.4 miles on North Howe Road, 1.5 miles on Vigue Road north of S. Howe Road, and 0.3 miles on North Fowles Lane. Bids will be due back no later than 3 PM 6/18/24, and will be opened the same day at the Selectboard meeting beginning at 6 PM.
8. A motion was made and seconded to hire Lionel Cayer to repair the damage to the concrete and guard rail on Joys Pond Bridge for \$2,150.00. Motion carried 4-0.
9. A motion was made and seconded to sign a quitclaim deed to Richard & Ida Pipkin Heirs of and Patrick Thayer. Yolanda reports all back taxes have been paid. Motion carried 4-0.
10. Yolanda shared with the board our year to date revenue, expense, and general ledger summary reports. This season the heating assistance fund expended 1,770.14, received 1,000.00 in donations, and has a balance for next season of 1,481.72. The Pre-Audit will be on Thursday May 23.

11. David Wright, chair of the solid waste committee, reported to the board he had represented Whitefield at the household hazardous waste day sponsored by the City of Augusta. He reported the event was a success with 11 units of waste collected from 4 Whitefield families. This is an annual event and he recommends better advertising and more notice for next year in hopes of more residents being able to take advantage of this opportunity.

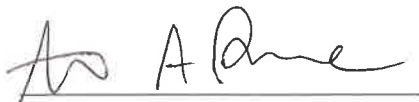
12. Lake Stewards of Maine sent a letter looking for a donation to their organization of \$500. Yolanda is going to contact them and let them know the process for solicitations.

13. Evan Goodkowsky, a broadband infrastructure consultant who is working with Lincoln County to secure grant funding to get all of Lincoln County covered by broadband internet, spoke to the board about the efforts. He reports the goals are:

- (a) Anywhere there is an aerial phone line a fiber line will be added
- (b) underground lines up to 500 feet
- (c) much faster internet speeds
- (d) less cost to the consumer
- (e) to be built in 2025
- (f) No cost to the town for the infrastructure work

Fidium Fiber would be the internet product. The board was asked for a letter of support for the grant application. A motion was made and seconded to provide a letter of support. Motion carried 4-0. The letter will be available for the board to sign at our next meeting.

14. Meeting adjourned


Seth A Bolduc, Chair

4 June 2024
Date


Keith D Sanborn, Vice Chair

Joshua T Leard


James R Torbert

Brent W Hallowell