

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
23 April 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 April 9. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Erin Bean of Wiscasset Ambulance Service spoke to the board about Wiscasset Ambulance covering the south end of town, 218 in Kings Mills, Head tide Road, Thayer Road, and side roads off those roads. There are approximately 173 residents that would be affected, with the goal of reducing the response time of an ambulance. Cost for the coverage would be \$16,500 per year.
5. Chris Mitchell from Delta Ambulance spoke to the board to offer another option for reducing response times. Chris offered to have a fly car staged at Central Fire Station, Monday thru Friday 9 am to 6 pm that would be staffed with a paramedic and fully equipped to start care before the transporting ambulances arrival. Delta would be asking for space to park the vehicle inside, and the vehicle would cover Whitefield and Somerville. Delta has offered this service on a trial period of 3 months at no cost. Delta also reported to us that they have put the possibility of using the Coopers Mills Fire Station on hold, as they are now trying to secure funding to build a new station in Augusta on the west side of the river further away from their current location, they are anticipating the move in 2-3 years.
6. The board decided to put a hold on Wiscasset Ambulance proposal for coverage and move forward with the fly car on a trial period, the fire chief will be asked if there is room for the vehicle and if there are any additional insurance requirements to house the vehicle. Wiscasset's offer stands if later on we decide to make adjustments to coverage. The Board will reassess.
7. The town attorney reviewed the Town of Whitefield Disposition of Tax-Acquired Property Policy, and advised it was acceptable. There are 7 accounts that will receive first notice after the foreclosure.
8. Sheepscot General on-premise liquor license will be acted on at next meeting without public hearing.
9. Fox Farm Lane spring road work: Whitefield's share of gravel for the road is \$650.00. A motion was made and seconded to spend \$650.00. Motion carried 5-0.

10. The town received an estimate for spring parking lot clean up from Sevon's Lawn Care to clean up the town office, fire station, Coopers Mills fire station, Kings Mills fire station, and the Veterans Memorial Area for \$1075.00. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Mary Morgan asked to speak to the board. As a member of the planning board she had concerns over a letter from Harmony Haven disturbed at the last planning board meeting. She felt the letter was threatening, and she was looking for advice on how to respond. The select board reminded her of her role as a planning board member and no further action regarding the letter is necessary.

12. Biannual approval of election clerks: A motion was made and seconded to approve, Jeanne Shaw, Heidi Lackey, Carole Cifrino, Karen Nielsen, Michael McMorrow, Tina Laskey, Laurie Mullens, Ann Weiss, Jeanne Emery, Karen Mitman, Janet Ober, Cindy St Peter, and Kathleen Goetzman as election clerks. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Planning Board vacancy. A motion was made and seconded for Kathleen Goetzman to fill a 3 year term on the planning board ending March 2027. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Appeals Board vacancies. A motion was made and seconded to approve Sue McKeen, Lester Sheaffer, Charlene Donahue, and Matthew Gomes to the Appeals Board. Motion Carried 5-0.

15. Roads

- (a) 365.5 tons of salt were purchased this winter season.
- (b) Someone dumped used tires roadside on S. Hunts Meadow Road, Dylan will clean them up. Yolanda will ask John Manning, trash pickup to take them.
- (c) MEDOT notified the town during the first half of summer Route 218 from 126 to Wiscasset line will be paved, as well as 126 between Pittston and Jefferson.
- (d) Talks have begun with CMP on repair/repaving of Townhouse and Vigue Roads.

16. Other

- (a) The Planning Board will be making a recommendation to the Select Board on what would be an appropriate fee to charge the special account for independent consulting for major subdivisions, currently \$25 per lot.
- (b) Appeals Board needs 1 more regular member and 2 alternates.
- (c) Solid waste committee has asked for space in the area of the town office to display compost bins they are selling. The board approved, and the committee will work with the office staff to determine a suitable location.

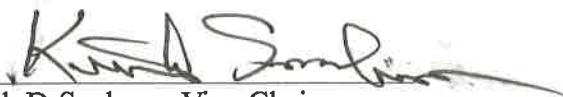
17. Meeting adjourned



Seth A Bolduc, Chair

7 MAY 2024

Date



Keith D Sanborn, Vice Chair



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