

Selectmen's Work Session

February 28, 2022

Those Present – Selectmen, Milinazzo, Redman, and Staples. The meeting began at 4:30 PM.

Also present: Michael Sirota, James Baum, George Sprowl Sr., David Marceau, Kathy Hoey

Topics of Discussion

- Discussion with James Baum, resident, on renting the Main Street North town building for use as an auto body shop. An ad has been placed in the newspaper, if any other businesses are interested prior to making the decision.
- George Sprowl Sr. asked if anyone knew where the Honor Roll (Veterans List) that use to be in town may be stored.
- Discussion with David Marceau, variety of questions from Frank Therio, CEO, hours, and new information on the Hampden Recycling Plant for the town waste, complimenting Billy Kinney on the snow plowing in Searsmont, and Oak Grove Cemetery boundary lines.
- David Marceau will continue to work on the Cemetery maps, using nails to mark plots, and may borrow a metal detector from the Selectmen to locate nails that are not obvious.
- Selectman Redman discussed renewing the Bolster Trash Contract, there is a 10% increase in trucking, and a 7.7% increase in the cardboard recycling. After the discussion Selectman Redman made a motion to extend the contract with Bolsters for one year with the increase, Selectmen Milinazzo seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
- Discussion on a site walk at the McLellan property on March 1, 2022. The Selectmen would like to keep 7 acres out of the 63 acres for Town Property use. The Selectmen will request letters from residents for the grant application, explaining how having the land will enhance Searsmont.
- Discussion on having a land map for view at a Public Hearing on the land acquisition. Selectman Redman will contact Sarah Crosby and Christian Halsted, to see if a map will be possible.
- Selectman Redman discussed contacting Keyes Insurance, regarding the rate increase on our insurance policy.

At 5:45 p.m. Selectman Redman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a confidential record 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F). Selectman Milinazzo seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. At 5:55 p.m. the Selectmen returned to the open meeting. Selectman Redman made a motion to approve two concealed weapons permits as they have been

applied for. Selectman Staples seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Discussion on Kathy Hoey signing the loan documents with Machias Savings Bank to lower the Fire Station financing with an interest rate of 2.99%. Selectmen Redman made a motion for Kathy Hoey, Town Treasurer, to be the authorized signature on any and all bank documents pertaining to the Fire Station loan, Selectmen Milinazzo seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

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