

Selectmen's Work Session

March 7, 2022

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

Also present: Michael Sirota, Andrew Russo, Contessa Mancini

Topics of Discussion

- Discussion with Andrew Russo, resident, regarding a letter from Frank Therio, CEO. After the discussion the Selectmen agreed to extend a 30 day notice that expired on April 10, 2022 to a completion date of June 30, 2022 for the septic leach field. The Selectmen will discuss this with Frank Therio.
- Selectman Milinazzo discussed a request from Catherine Robbins-Halsted, RSU School Board, to attend a meeting. Selectman Milinazzo will attend April 8th and Selectman Redman will attend April 9, 2022.
- Discussion on Town Meeting Warrant Articles. The discussion included increasing the Sexton pay to \$1,200.00, and article to appropriate no more than \$120,000.00 for the McLellan property expenses, and an article for \$100,000.00 for road paving.
- Discussion on road complaints. Main Street South is a state road but it plowed by the Town of Searsmont, recent accidents are caused by speed, lack of sun on the road, and ledge preventing adequate ditches to be dug. Pond Road South mud issues are relative to ledge, lack of trees to absorb water, and private driveway plow techniques. Crie Road issues related to lack of crown on driveway to help water flow to ditches. Selectman Milinazzo will send responses to complaints.
- Discussion on Lincolnville website outlining road work bids.
- Discussion on Broadband, Burnstein Shur will represent Searsmont, ARPA money will be used. Selectman Milinazzo watched a recorded ZOOM call with GWI, proposing for the broadband installation.
- Discussion on Billy Kinney, Snowplow Driver, is available for roadwork and filling potholes if any help is needed.
- Selectman Redman discussed contacting Keyes Insurance, regarding the rate increase from \$135.00 sq ft to \$150.00 sq ft community building and for the fire station from \$103.00 sq ft to \$135.00 sq ft. More information is necessary for the new rates.
- Selectman Redman discussed hiring Fred Bucklin, of Appleton, to do the McLellan property Appraisal. Selectman Milinazzo made a motion to use Fred Bucklin, Appraiser, to appraise the McLellan property, Selectman Staples seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

At 5:45 p.m. Selectman Redman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Selectman Milinazzo seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. At 6:15 p.m. the Selectmen returned to the open meeting. No decision was made at this time.

The meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

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