

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

March 11, 2024

As Approved on March 25, 2024

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger, Steve Bonine, Bob Ater, Vince Capone, Jack Witham

Attended via Zoom: Denise Parker, Don Kornrumpf, Phine Ewing, Vicky Stoneman, Michele Galliard, Karen Robbins

Call to Order: 6:00pm by Walter

Agenda: Reviewed & approved

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on February 26, 2024, approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Treasurer's Warrant FY24 #18 for \$14,036.39 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- ABA Warrant FY24 #11 for \$16,525.00 approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) update – Don Kornrumpf:

- Don Hudson, Vince Capone, & Don Kornrumpf are reviewing expenses vs budget, which appear to be very close.
- Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) will perform an audit, probably before releasing the last 10% of the grant.
- Insurance—data has been sent to the Public Utilities Risk Management Association (PURMA).
 - They are currently not licensed in Maine but have applied for a license to sell insurance in the state; hoping to have a license within two months.
 - The annual premium would possibly be in the \$5,000 - \$6,000 range, with a \$25,000 deductible per storm.
 - The membership fee is approximately \$1,300.
 - DeeDee asked if the coverage is for the broadband lines only, or does it include the Fire Station, Little Barn, and fire equipment. Costs need to be compared with current insurance coverage.
- Additional "takes" for broadband will result in additional charges of \$12,259. The existing contract and/or services agreement will need to be amended to include negotiated additional charges and benefits.
- Axiom was testing linkages last week.
- The completion date of late March will slip at least one month.

Town staff & volunteers:

- Animal Control Officer – no candidates.

- Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Jennifer will meet with Woolwich and Georgetown on Wednesday, March 13, to discuss sharing the CEO position. She has talked to outgoing CEO, Chris Wilcoxson, has met with someone who would be a good candidate and should hear from him this week. Chris feels that Arrowsic is about 10% of the work of the three towns together.

Other business:

- Water Access Management Committee – Bob Ater & Jack Witham
 - The land below the high-water mark is not part of the Packard property now owned by the town. Instead, it is owned by abutters. The abutters have offered to donate the marshland to the town so that a float can be installed for water access. This is the three lots—all marked Map 3 Lot 56—on the town map.
 - Article 47 of the Town Meeting Report allows the town to accept donations, although land is not specifically mentioned. Walter with contact town attorney, Kristin Collins, to find out what needs to be done to accept the donation.
 - The only cost to the town for the donation is legal fees to acquire the property.
 - The barn and grounds are nearly cleaned up.
 - The Army Corps of Engineers and Tim Forester are working on permits for the float.
 - Land for Maine’s Future (LMF) Grant approved for \$60,000 to help with the land purchase. Waiting for completion of appraisal and survey, both LMF requirements.
 - Application submitted to Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF) for \$20,000. A meeting to determine the award is on May 5th.
 - No asbestos was found on the demolition inspection thus, no remediation is needed.
 - Fewer trees than expected will need to be removed.
 - A June 15 opening date is being targeted.
- Allocation of ARPA Funds – removed from agenda pending budget workshop.
- Town Meeting date – The date of the Town Meeting was moved from June 20 to June 13 on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer. The meeting will take place at the Fire Station at 6:30pm.
- Due to the unavailability of various Select Board members for the April Select Board meetings, the meetings were moved from April 8 and 22 to April 15 and 29.
- Maine Municipal Association (MMA) request for town pictures, to be used on a deck of playing cards to be distributed to attendees at the 2024 MMA Annual Convention. Denise will send an email to residents to solicit photos.

Mail: None

Adjournment: 7:00pm on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.

Next meeting: Monday, March 25, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator