

## Select Board Meeting Monday August 14, 2023

Call Select Board Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman, Allan Snell. Board members also in attendance were; Allan Elkin, Charles Green, Chris Robison and Mike Curtis.

1. Roll Call: Allan Elkin – present; Charlie Green – present; Allan Snell – present; Chris Robison – present; Mike Curtis – present. Also present were: Town Manager, Chris Backman; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; Fire Chief, Scott Stewart; Town Attorney, Andy Hamilton; 15 citizens.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to Agenda: Backman requested to add thank you letters from Life Flight of Maine and Eastern Agency on Aging as item 4C. Table item 13. Backman asked the public in attendance to hold any comments regarding development on Arctic Station Road, until item #12. Resident, Don Brown asked why those public comments were to be considered prior to an Executive Session. Backman indicated that item 12 pertains to that topic, and would like to keep public comments regarding it together prior to going into E.S.

4. Public Comments (In writing or via email)

- A. Orrington Conservation Committee is scheduling some workshops this fall and is looking for ideas and comments on the scope and direction for the committee to explore. They are also looking for additional volunteers and members. They plan to meet with this board in the coming weeks. Backman stated the chair of the committee could not attend tonight but will be in attendance at a future meeting.
- B. Quick update on the PERC situation and potential auction on August 30, 2023: Backman stated the auction is currently scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Thank you letters presented from Life Flight of Maine and Eastern Agency on Aging for our annual contribution to them.

Attorney, Andrew Hamilton addressed the citizens at this time and explained his role tonight in advising the Board during item 14, and why he recommended public comments regarding Arctic Station Road be made at that time. Don Brown wished to make his comments at this time. Brown stated that he is a resident of Arctic Station Road and he is concerned about building permits that have been issued by the Code Enforcement Officer for 165 Arctic Station Road as it is a non-conforming lot. He and other neighboring residents are concerned that the Land Use Ordinance is not being followed. He also stated that a home occupation is being run there as people are frequently going to his own house inquiring where the business is. Brown asked that town officials go and measure the lot. In the meantime, he asked that the building permits be pulled or suspended until such research has been done. Town attorney, Hamilton asked Brown at this time if he was here tonight as a concerned citizen, or as an attorney for his wife who lives at the Arctic Station Road residence. Brown answered as a resident of the road. Hamilton questioned Brown's position and cautioned him from making accusations against town officials not doing their jobs.

5. Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023  
Motion Curtis Second Green **Vote Yes -5**

6. Approve town accounts payable warrants: Passed around and signed.

7. Appointments & Resignations: None.

### Old Business

8. NONE

### New Business

9. Old Home Week Committee reports on the results and success of the Old Home Week

for this past July 2023. Dick Campbell addressed the Board and presented a list of suggestions for the new (forthcoming) Old Home Week Committee. Former members are not going anywhere, and will be available for questions as they arise. It was emphasized that the committee would love to see another parade organized in the near future.

10. Department Reports

- A. Managers' report: Presented in writing. Backman read aloud.
- B. Fire & EMS – Month of July: Presented in writing. Stewart touched upon.
- C. Public Library – Month of July: Presented in writing. Backman recommended everyone who can get to the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay Harbor, take out a pass from the Library.

11. Board Comments: Elkin – good things are happening in town. Green – commended Fire Department. Robison – appreciates the Town Manager keeping up on paving projects, and also thanked Fire Dept. for their work. Curtis – agreed with all comments made so far and also thanked the residents of Arctic Station Road who are in attendance tonight. Their concerns have been heard and will be taken into consideration. Snell – also thanked everyone for coming and reassured them that the Board will be deliberating everything heard tonight and that the attorney will be with them during E.S. to make sure proper procedure is followed.

12. Executive Session to consider information of employment of officials, appointees, and/or employees in accordance with M.R.S.A. Title 1, Section § 405 (6)(A) and to consult with Town attorney in accordance with M.R.S.A. Title 1, Section § 405 (6)(E) Motion Robison Second Elkin **Vote Yes – 5** The Board went into E.S. at 7:07pm. At 7:40pm Robison made a motion to come out of E.S. Elkin seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

13. Executive Session to consider information of economic development in accordance with M.R.S.A. Title 1, Section § 405 (6)(C).  
Tabled

14. Adjourn: Curtis moved to adjourn at 7:44pm. Elkin seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

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Chairman

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Manager

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Clerk