

**Public Hearing and Select Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 23, 2023**

A public hearing was opened at 6:00 pm by Chairman, Allan Snell to consider adoption of the State of Maine appendices to establish limits and maximums for General Assistance for the year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 as recommended by the State of Maine DHHS General Assistance office. Backman indicated this is an annual requirement to approve the new yearly maximums as presented by the State. List of maximums included GA overall maximums, Food, GA Housing, Utility, Heating Fuel, Personal Care and Household Supplies, Mileage Rate and Funeral Maximums as well as GA Housing Maximums Recovery Residences.

No questions or comments were given.

The public hearing was closed at 6:02 pm.

Call Select Board Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the Select Board was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chairman, Allan Snell.

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; Librarian, Kelly Bay; 6 citizens.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to Agenda: Backman asked to add the PCSO report as item 11d. Backman also noted that the Planning Board meeting listed at the bottom of the agenda for 11/16 has been changed to 11/15.

4. Public Comments: None.

5. Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of Special Meeting October 12, 2023

Motion Robison Second Green Vote Yes - 5

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

7. Appointments & Resignations:

Fire EMS – Scott Clark – Resignation

Fire EMS – Josh Carr – Resignation

Elkin made a motion to accept with regrets. Green seconded. **Vote: Yes-5**

Old Business

8. Sign Appointment paperwork Jacky Binette – Town Assessor: The Board signed the appointment form that was missed at the previous meeting where Binette was appointed.

New Business

9. Discussion and adoption of updated State of Maine General Assistance limits and maximums for the year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Recommend adopting the State approved Appendices A thru H.

Motion Curtis Second Robison Vote Yes – 5

10. Discussion and sign Special Open Town Meeting Warrant to authorize Treasurer to file a Waiver of Foreclosure on the PERC facility.

The Board was in consensus to hold the special town meeting on 11/13/23 at 6:00 pm at the town office meeting room prior to the regular Select Board meeting.

Motion Elkin Second Green Vote Yes - 5

11. Department Reports

A. Manager's report: Presented in writing. Backman read aloud.

B. Fire / EMS – Month of September: Presented in writing.

C. Library Report – Month of September: Presented in writing. Kelly presented the Board with small crocheted ghosts made by a group at the library. The library also has passes to the night corn maze at Kings Mountain Tree Farm this weekend.

D. Penobscot Sheriff Report – Month of September: Presented in writing.

12. Board Comments: Elkin – all is well. Anxious to see what happens at the PERC auction on Wednesday. Green – good to see Richardson Road project getting closer to completion. Robison – will be glad to see Baker Lane property behind us. Curtis – good. Snell – none.

13. Adjourn: Curtis made a motion to adjourn at 6:40pm. Elkin seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk