

Select Board Meeting September 25, 2023

Call Select Board Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 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; Librarian, Kelly Bay; Fire Chief, Scott Stewart; 14 citizens.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to Agenda: Backman requested adding item 4c for an update on PERC. The Board was in consensus.
4. Public Comments (In writing or via email)

A. Resident request to adopt two (2) new Town Ordinances:

- “to adopt the State of Maine distance requirements for registered sex offenders noted here” Reference MSRA Title 30-A §3014.
- “to adopt a public notice policy within 24 hours notice of a sex offender residing or intent to move into the Town” : Arctic Station Rd resident, Michael

Randall addressed the Board regarding the two ordinances that he is initiating to bring before the Town to vote on. He is requesting the Board schedule a special town meeting of their own initiative instead of requiring the petition to be circulated. Much discussion occurred regarding the process for calling a special town meeting, as well as the legalities of the ordinance as presented by the citizens. Several residents of Arctic Station Rd were present and voiced their concerns about the Board taking no action but remaining silent on their request to enact an ordinance restricting where registered sex offenders reside. After much discussion back and forth, the Board ultimately decided to deny Randall’s request to schedule a special town meeting without presenting a petition. Randall then brought other concerns to the Board regarding a campsite that the Arctic Station Rd. property owner has set up on the parcel. He believes there is a violation regarding subsurface wastewater. Backman indicated the Board of Appeals will be called should the necessity arise.

B. Thanks and appreciation to Public Works and Fire EMS for their work and service during the “Hurricane Lee” weekend: Backman thanked the departments for their hard work, and thanked the Town for funding and allowing purchase of equipment to handle the work for such storms.

C. PERC Update - Cancellation of Fall clean up date for 2023: The auction that was slated for the end of September has been pushed back until October 25th. No fall cleanup day will be held this year.

5. Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023
Motion Elkin Second Robison **Vote Yes – 5**

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

7. Appointments & Resignations:

Appointment - Board of Appeals – Drew Gladu: Curtis made a motion to appoint Andrew Gladu to Board of Appeals. Elkin seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

Old Business

8 NONE

New Business

9. Discussion on purchase of a replacement phone system at the Public Safety Building.
The current equipment failed during the latest storm event / power failure and is no longer serviceable with any local vendors.

Motion Curtis to go with Sierra Communications Second Green **Vote Yes – 5**

10. Orrington Landing Committee latest update and authorization to pursue funding opportunities with the Penobscot River Estuary Remediation Trust. The Board was in consensus to authorize the OLC to pursue funding opportunities.

11. Department Reports

A. Manager’s report: Presented in writing and read aloud.

B. Fire Department – Month of August: Presented in writing.

C. Library – Month of August: Presented in writing.

D. Mallinckrodt - Month of August: Presented in writing.

E. Penobscot County Sheriff Office – Month of August: Presented in writing.

12. Board Comments: Curtis – good. Robison – glad paving is being done and almost all roads now paved. Also thanked Gladu for willingness to serve on Board of Appeals. Green – asked Backman to see what can be done about the speedbump on Dow Rd. (State portion) when he is in Augusta next week. Elkin – good. Snell – noted the next meeting is on a Tuesday as Monday is a holiday. Thanked the public for attending this evening.

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

Motion Robison Second Elkin **Vote Yes – 5** The Board went in to E.S. at 7:03pm. At 7:39pm Robison made a motion to come out of E.S. Green seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

14. Adjourn: Curtis made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Elkin seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk