

Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

2986 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330

Phone: 207-547-3340/207-547-3159 Fax: 207-547-5054

January 2nd, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Hope Boyce, Alicia Collins, Lewis Corriveau, Andy McMullen.

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Dan Courtemanch, Torrey Kingsbury, Richard Jandreau, Jay Bradshaw.

Appointments:

6:45 – Rescue Chief Courtemanch meets with the Board pertaining to Rescue Budget for 24_25 and possibly starting up transporting services in Sidney. To start transporting, Sidney is looking at an initial investment in equipment of about \$80,000. The town would also have to contract out billing services. Incentive discussed as being offered to rescue personnel that participate in transports. No action is taken, informational meeting.

Old Business:

1. Storm Elliot ballfield repairs are still ongoing.
2. ARPA allocations are still being discussed with the US Treasury, tabled.
3. Cost Recovery & EMS Transport discussions are tabled.
4. 23_24 budget discussions continue.
5. Cleaning quotes are tabled.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for December 8th, 2023. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 3/2 – LC/AC abstain

2. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for December 11th, 2023. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – AM abstain

3. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

4. Road Crew planner reviewed.

5. Seacoast security updates are reviewed, no actions taken.

6. AIM recycling report for 11/29/23 reviewed, no actions taken.

7. PBT policy is reviewed. The Board decides to amend the policy to read that PBT has to be taken for a minimum of 1 hour before increments of time can be used. (IE: 15 min, 30 min, 45 min)

Vote: Unanimous

8. Board approves Town Clerk's request to be closed to the public on 2/1/2024 for Year End closing of the books.

9. Chairman Whitcomb makes the motion to add an after-the-fact application/permit fee for late applications which will double the fee of the permit. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

10. Member Alicia Collins requests an update on the Norman Road cleanup.

11. Admin to talk to Planning Board about public hearings needed.

12. Admin to request a copy of Delta's yearly audited financial statements.

Member Andy McMullen leaves the meeting before adjournment.

9:06 P.M. Alicia Collins motions to adjourn. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent AM

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Admin to the Board /of Selectmen

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January 8th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:28 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.
Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Hope Boyce, Alicia Collins, Lewis Corriveau, Andy McMullen.
Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Chris Mitchell (Delta), Torrey Kingsbury, Jay Bradshaw, Jeff Frost, Maura Gammans, CJ Sudsbury, Richard Jandreau and David Shaw.

Appointments:

6:45 PM - Memorial Day Committee turns the gifting of the Spirit of America Award back to the Board to be presented at Town Meeting instead of Memorial Day. They present a budget request for 2024.
7:00 PM - Board discusses per capita raise with Delta. They are proposing to go up to \$25 per capita from \$15.

Old Business:

1. Storm Elliot ballfield repairs are still ongoing.
2. ARPA allocations are still being discussed with the US Treasury, tabled.
3. Cost Recovery & EMS Transport discussions are tabled.
4. 23_24 budget discussions continue.
5. Cleaning quotes are tabled.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for January 2nd, 2023. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb leaves the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Member Alicia Collins makes the motion to nominate member Hope Boyce as interim Chairman.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent JW

3. No Road Crew planner presented; Road Foreman is out.

4. Time-off request reviewed and approved.
 5. Charter Communication update reviewed.
 6. Office Building inspection reviewed; no actions needed.
 7. Budget Meeting date set for 2/24/24 at 9 AM. Location will be the Town Office. Admin to supply refreshments.
- 8:54 P.M. Chairman Boyce motions to adjourn. Lewis Corriveau seconds.
Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent JW

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January 22nd, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 – 2 absent AM/AC

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Hope Boyce, Lewis Corriveau.

Selectboard Members Absent: Andy McMullen, Alicia Collins.

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Jay Bradshaw, Richard Jandreau.

Appointments:

6:45 PM – Chief Jandreau presents his proposals for the upcoming Fire Budget and staff stipends/pay. Board to review.

Old Business:

1. Storm Elliot ballfield repairs are still ongoing.
2. ARPA allocations discussed, town to consult US Treasury pertaining to writing an article for revenue loss/standard allowance.
3. Cost Recovery & EMS Transport discussions are tabled.
4. 23_24 budget discussions continue.
5. Cleaning quotes are tabled.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for January 8th, 2023. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 3/2 – 2 absent AM/AC

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 – 2 absent AM/AC

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.
4. Community Concepts request reviewed, no actions taken.
5. Time-off requests reviewed and approved for Clerk's Office.
6. Charter Communications update reviewed.
7. Sidney Athletic Association purchase order request reviewed. They request a portable pitching mound for \$2,318.20.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the SAA's request to purchase a portable pitching mound.

Vote: 3/2 - 2 absent AM/AC

8. Blake/Philbrick/Tiffany road maintenance and gate is discussed. Per MMA Legal and DOT town cannot install any gate on the public way. No action taken.

9. Transfer Station Policies

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:56 PM. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 3/2 - 2 absent AM/AC

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:14 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 - 2 absent AM/AC

Member Alicia Collins joins the meeting at 8:15 PM.

10. Delta proposal is tabled for more discussion.

11. Charity request votes are tabled for more discussion.

8:33 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent AM

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January 29th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Hope Boyce, Lewis Corriveau, Andy McMullen, Alicia Collins.

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Jay Bradshaw, Richard Jandreau, Torrey Kingsbury.

Appointments:

None.

Old Business:

1. Storm Elliot ballfield repairs are still ongoing.
2. Cost Recovery & EMS Transport discussions are tabled.
3. 23_24 budget discussions continue.
4. Cleaning quotes are tabled for more discussion.
5. Delta proposal is tabled for more discussion.
6. Charity requests reviewed and voted on.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for January 22nd, 2024. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 3/2 – 2 abstain AM/AC

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Girl Scouts request to use town office parking lot for a fundraiser for Sidney Food Bank. Unanimously agreed upon.

5. EPL/Vacation policy is reviewed. Requested changes/additions given to Admin.

6. Ballot Clerk Appointments:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Sara Morey of Oakland as the Registrar of Voters as of January 29th, 2024. Term ends 1/1/2026. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Patricia Bragg of Sidney & Lezley Jones of Albion as the Deputy Registrars of Voters as of January 29th, 2024. Term ends 1/1/2026. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Lewis Corriveau, LuLu Luce, Sharon Tilton, James Isgro, Theresa Savage, Katherine Smith, Daniel Morrisette, Susan Bradshaw, John Bradshaw, Gary Desveaux, Thomas McAvoy, Maureen McAvoy, Shawna Foye, Trudi Woolston, Alicia Collins, Sharon Tilton, Katherine Hamlin, Timothy Russell, Sandra Ouellette of Sidney as Ballot/Election Clerks as of January 29th, 2021. Term Ends 3/31/2024. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Katherine Hamlin, Amarinda Keys, LuLu Luce, George Hite, Katherine Smith, Robert Lorenz, Sandra Ouellette, Susan Bradshaw, Deborah Sanborn, Alicia Collins, Daniel Morrisette, James Isgro, Lewis Corriveau, Maureen McAvoy, Patricia Bragg, Theresa Savage, Timothy Russell, Thomas McAvoy, Trudi Woolston, Gary Desveaux, John Bradshaw, John Mathieu, Sharon Tilton, Shawna Foye, Lisa Klein of Sidney and Sara Morey of Oakland as Ballot/Election Clerks as of January 29th, 2024. Term ends 3/31/2026. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

7. Board discusses plowing, sanding, road maintenance completed on 1/25/24 during an ice storm. Town Garage was down vehicles for the day, and it was determined they did what they could with the equipment they had. No accidents were reported on that day.

8. Transfer Station is discussed. Board discusses having Transfer open during the week and looking into curbside pickup.

8:03 P.M. Andy McMullen motions to adjourn. John Whitcomb seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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February 5th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:26 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent AM

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Hope Boyce, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins.

Selectboard Members Absent: Andy McMullen.

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Torrey Kingsbury, Brook Cummings, CJ Sudsbury, Richard Jandreau.

Appointments:

7:00 – 4 residents of Junction Road appear before the Board to speak on the conditions of the road and possible fixes.

Old Business:

1. Storm Elliot ballfield repairs tabled, removing from old business.
2. Cost Recovery & EMS Transport tabled, removing from old business.
3. 23_24 Budget review to be completed over the next 2 weeks, removing from old business.
4. Cleaning quotes tabled, removing from old business.
5. Delta proposal tabled, removing from old business.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for January 29th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent AM

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent AM

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed. Purchase approved for tires for the backhoe. Unanimous decision.
4. OPC Common Stock is reviewed; no actions needed.
5. Charter Communications update reviewed; no actions needed.
6. Building Inspections for 3 stations are reviewed, information to be given to Public Works.
7. Ideal Electric rate increased reviewed, contract to be signed.

8. Public Hearing Alert for LD 646 reviewed, no actions taken.

9. 2014 International to be put out for a closed bid purchase.

8:13 P.M. Hope Boyce motions to adjourn. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent AM

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February 12th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Andy McMullen.

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce.

Public Present: Desiree Hersom.

Appointments:

7:00 – Public Hearing with Planning Board.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for February 5th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

2. Reviewed Clerk’s interoffice envelope

- a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as amended; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. International bid sheet is reviewed by Board, accepted to be posted to the public.

5. Junction Road is discussed. A few options are reviewed for discussion with Waterville.

6. Town Dedication discussed, member Alicia Collins to write up.

7. Admin to start preparing appropriation sheet for Budget Meeting.

9:31 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

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February 20th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:23 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent AM

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Hope Boyce, Andy McMullen
(via Zoom)

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom.

Appointments:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for February 12th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 – 1 absent AM, 1 abstain HB

Member Andy McMullen leaves the discussion temporarily (via Zoom).

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope

- a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as amended; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent AM

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Building inspection for the Town Office reviewed. Copy to Public Works.

5. Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Daniel Courtemanch of Sidney to the position of Rescue Chief. Lewis seconds.

Vote: 4/1 (AM)

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Richard Jandreau of Sidney to the position of Fire Chief. Lewis seconds.

Vote: 4/1 (AM)

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Floyd Luce of Sidney to the position of Budget Committee Member. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 (AM)

Member Lewis Corriveau motions to appoint Laura Whitcomb of Sidney to the position of Budget Committee Member. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 3/2 - 1 abstain JW, 1 absent AM

Member Andy McMullen rejoins the meeting via Zoom.

6. Time-off request is reviewed and approved for the Clerk's Office. (MW)

7. Annual Franchise Fee from Charter is reviewed. No actions needed.

8. The Warrant Articles for Town Meeting are reviewed.

Chairman Whitcomb presents the Board with the appropriation sheet for funds. Reviewed and changes made.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to allocate, as amended, the funds as listed in the categories on the appropriation sheet lines 1-20, to fund the warrant articles. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

7:32 P.M. Alicia Collins motions to adjourn. Chairman Whitcomb seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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February 26th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Hope Boyce, Andy McMullen

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau.

Appointments:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for February 20th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope

- a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented as b; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Charter Communications update review, no action needed.

5. Transfer Station applicants reviewed. Chairman Whitcomb to call the Road Foremen and 1 candidate to discuss a position at Transfer.

6. Certificates of Appointments:

Andy McMullen motions to appoint Robert Lorenz of Sidney to the position of Ballot/Election Clerk to be effective on 2/26/24 through 3/31/2024. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 4/1 (1 abstain AC)

Andy McMullen motions to appoint George Hite of Sidney to the position of Ballot/Election Clerk to be effective on 2/27/2024 through 3/31/2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 (1 abstain HB)

7. Attested Copy for the Annual Report is signed by all board members.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:43 PM. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:56 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

7:45 P.M. Alicia Collins motions to adjourn. Chairman Whitcomb seconds. **Vote: 5/0**

Respectfully submitted,

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March 4th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Hope Boyce, Andy McMullen

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau, Dan Courtemanch, Larry Choate, Jay Bradshaw.

Appointments:

6:45 - Board meets with employee, Larry Choate.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:43 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:56 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

7:00 - Chairman Whitcomb motions to open the bids for the sale of the 2014 International. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Cumming Construction bids \$15,000.00.

Warren Smith bids \$4,022.00.

Member Lewis Corriveau motions to accept the bid from Cummings Construction for \$15,000.00. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to close the bidding process at 7:05. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

7:15 - Board meets with Fire Chief Richard Jandreau and Rescue Chief Dan Courtemanch. It is discussed that it will be presented at Town Meeting to combine the two departments.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for February 26th, 2024. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope

- a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as amended as b; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Charter Communications update reviewed; no action needed.

5. AIM Recycling report reviewed; no action needed.

6. CMP Tree Care disclosure reviewed; no action needed. CMP will be cutting trees in Sidney this year.

7. Time-off request for Transfer reviewed and signed.

8. ACO Training request is reviewed, no action taken.

9. Budget Meeting warrant article pertaining to the Budget Committee change in terms is reviewed.

10. Having the November elections at the school is discussed.

8:04 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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March 11th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Andy McMullen.

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau, Dale Boyce, Rachel Kontegias, Joseph Kontegias.

Appointments:

6:45 – Board meets with Matt Fish of Fish Construction pertaining to a turnaround on Tiffany Road. Deeds to be reviewed.

7:15 – Board meets with Joseph & Rachel Kontegias pertaining to drainage issues on their property on the Dinsmore Road. Residents are referred to DEP and Admin to direct Road Crew to review culverts on Dinsmore.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for March 4th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope

- a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Town website is reviewed. Talk of a new digital sign is discussed. Mass email and text notification systems are discussed. No action is taken.

5. Repeater purchase for grant is discussed with the Fire Chief. Bids to be updated. Tabled for more information.

6. I-95 bridge work discussed, notice set in by DOT for bridge work on Lyons, Dinsmore, Town Farm and Drummond. The Board approves a letter of support from the Town for DOT to apply for grants for the repairs.

7. Chairman Whitcomb motions to add the Planning Board Agenda and Minutes to the Town's website. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent HB

7:44 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent HB

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March 18th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Andy McMullen, Hope Boyce.

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau.

Appointments:

None.

Old Business:

1. Repeater purchase (grant)
2. Tiffany turnaround

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for March 11th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 abstain HB

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Andy McMullen seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed, note left for Road Foreman to review culverts on Dinsmore.
4. Groundskeeper position is discussed. Ads to remain on social media, website and MMA for now.
5. Kennebec County Budget (draft) is reviewed. No action needed.

Board thanks member Andy McMullen for his time serving the town.

7:18 P.M. Andy McMullen motions to adjourn. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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March 25th, 2024

Lewis Corriveau motions to call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Hope Boyce, Alisa Meggison.

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau, Evelyn Burgert, Keegen Ballard.

Appointments:

None.

Lewis Corriveau motions to nominate John Whitcomb for Chairman of the Board. Alicia Collins seconds.

Alicia Collins motions to cease nominations. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote to elect John Whitcomb as Chair: 5/0

Old Business:

1. Repeater purchase (grant) – tabled for more information from Fire Chief.
2. Tiffany turnaround – tabled for more discussion.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for March 18th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 abstain AM

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.
4. Time-off request for Clerk's Officer reviewed and approved.
5. Brief discussion on discontinuing roads in Sidney.
6. Annual Staff reviews are passed on to Board members to complete.

7. Charter Communications update is reviewed, no action needed.

8. Email distribution list for town residents discussed. Unanimously rejected by the Board. Chairman suggests we start a Frequently Asked Questions section on the website.

9. Board briefly discusses uses for ARPA funds and starts to compile project list.

Alicia Collins motions to accept Code Enforcement Officer's updated fee schedule. Lewis seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Lewis Corriveau motions to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:54 PM.

Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Alicia Collins motions to come out of Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:05 PM.

Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

10. Board discusses tax acquired properties.

8:12 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

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April 1st, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:28 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Hope Boyce, Alisa Meggison.

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom.

Appointments:

Andy McMullen cancelled his meeting with the Board.

Old Business:

1. Repeater purchase (grant) – tabled for more information from Fire Chief.
2. Tiffany turnaround – Contact Matt Fish with new proposal.
3. Cleaning Quotes

Lewis Corriveau makes the motion to accept Hometown Cleaners as the new cleaning service for the Town Office and Public Works. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for March 25th, 2024. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.
4. Transfer complaint is reviewed and passed down to the Road Foreman to address.
5. Certificates/Appointments for Memorial Day Committee:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept Roberta Drummond, Maura Gammans, Jeff Frost, David Shaw, Arlene Toulouse as Memorial Day Parade Committee Members. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote:5/0

6. Ed MacDonald Safety Grant through MMA is submitted by the Admin for Fire & Rescue and Public Works. Reviewed and signed by the Chairman. Grant will cover the purchase of traffic cones, safety vests and updated reflective road signs.

7. RHR draft of the town audit is reviewed. Acceptance letter to be presented next week.

8. Purchase order for Northern Signs unanimously rejected. Tabled for more information.

9. Purchase order for Technology Solutions of ME is approved and signed off on. Admin to start the process with Technology Solutions of ME for town-wide upgrades. ARPA funds used: \$18,115.20.

10. Salaries:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:44 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:25 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

11. Tax Acquired properties are discussed.

8:31 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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April 8th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:16 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Alisa Meggison.

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce.

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau, Keegen Ballard.

Appointments:

Eric Handley cancels his meeting with the Board, will re-schedule.

Old Business:

1. Repeater purchase

- Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the bid from Hussey Communications for \$15,988.00 for a Kairos Model KA160 VHF repeater. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

2. Current turnaround on Tiffany to be discontinued. New turnover to be discussed with Honore Poussard and the Road Foreman.

3. Digital sign purchased tabled for more quotes.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for April 1st, 2024. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope

- a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. FOAA Training for Selectmen is discussed. Member Lewis Corriveau completed the training and signs certificate.

5. Time-off request for the Clerk's Office is reviewed and approved. (SM)

6. Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Kirby Reardon, Kristie Littlefield, Louise Erskine and Carrie Brennan to the Scholarship Committee. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent HB

7. Requisition for purchase from ARPA Special Revenue account to SJS Electric is approved. \$4,493.21 of ARPA funds used.

8. Requisition for purchase from ARPA Special Revenue account to Transco Business Technologies is approved. \$4,995.00 of ARPA funds used.

9. The Board discussed properties on West River Road and Middle Road with the CEO.

10. The Board discussed tax acquired properties on Middle Road and Bartlett Road.

11. The Board discusses building maintenance with Chief Jandreau. Approves maintenance repairs for up to \$500.00 to improve the West River Road station.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:35 PM. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent HB

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:47 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent HB

Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve employee bonuses to come from the ARPA Special Revenue account. Alicia Collins seconds. \$35,500.00 of ARPA funds used.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent HB

7:59 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent HB

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April 16th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:28 pm. Lewis Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent AC

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alisa Meggison, Hope Boyce.

Selectboard Members Absent: Alicia Collins

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau, Jay Bradshaw, Eric Handley, Daphanie Handley.

Appointments:

6:30 – Eric Handley is presented the Spirit of America Award by the Board of Selectmen.

Old Business:

1. Digital sign purchased tabled for more quotes.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for April 8th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent AC

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope

- a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent AC

3. Road Crew Planner and complaint reviewed.

Board of Selectmen unanimously agree to allow Road Foreman to rent a skid steer with a harley rake, to work on Mills and Junction Road. Rental is \$125.00 per hour. Roads to be compacted after.

4. Board reviews RHR client letter discussing price increases for annual audit.

5. Time-off requests for Admin Office are reviewed and approved.

6. Admin has set up the Fuel/Oil bids to take place on April 22nd.

7. Fire/rescue stations building inspections are reviewed. Action items to be given to Public Works. Collect quotes for sealing WRR and Shepherd Road stations. Supplies needed to fix roof at WRR.

8. Board reviews Delta support letter drawn up by resident Jay Bradshaw. Approved to be sent to Senator Collins and Senator King.

9. Ballfield repairs discussed. Resident Sally St. Pierre (lives above ballfield) will be in on the 22nd to discuss some concerns.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to allow the Road Crew and BK Construction to work on the damages to the Sidney ballfield on Recreation Drive that were incurred during Storm Elliot which caused erosion on the hillside above Pit 3. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent AC

10. Chief Jandreau discusses with the Board that Engine 2 needs lightbar repair. Board instructs Chief to acquire some quotes.

11. Executive Session

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:15 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent AC

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:00 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent AC

8:24 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 absent AC

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April 22nd, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:22 pm. Lewis Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Selectboard Members Present: John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alisa Meggison, Hope Boyce, Alicia Collins

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau, Karyn MacGrath, Tod Wing, Kyle Fletcher Baker, Sally St. Pierre, George Giobault.

Appointments:

6:45 – Sally St. Pierre & George Giobault address the Board pertaining to the hillside repairs at the Recreational ballfield. They request a letter from the Board stating the town will repair all the erosion. The letter will go to potential buyers of 2893 West River Road. The Board agrees to draft a letter to be ready by 4/29/24.

7:00 – Tod Wing speaks with Board pertaining to tax acquired property on Middle Road.

8:30 Fuel/Oil Bids:

Fielding's bids: \$2.8975 Heating Oil (fixed), \$2.9675 Diesel (fixed), \$2.8612 (gas float).

Maritime Energy bids: \$3.01 Heating Oil (fixed)

Dennis Burke bids: \$3.09 Gas, \$3.39 Diesel.

Fabian Oil bids: \$2.949 Heating Oil

Dead River bids: \$3.0967 Heating Oil, \$3.2451 Diesel.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept Fielding's bids for oil, diesel and gas. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Old Business:

1. Lewis Corriveau motions to accept Northern Signs proposal for a 10mm full color 35x75 digital sign for \$25,800.00. Includes 3-year labor warranty (on-site), lifetime cell, 5-year parts warranty, lifetime tech support. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

***This is an approved ARPA purchase.**

2. Board decided to shorten front entrance awning to 12 feet instead of 14 to prevent issues during winter cleanups.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for April 16th, 2024. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 4/1 - 1 abstain AC

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope

- a. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- b. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- c. Reviewed journal entries.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the warrant as presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed. Discussion on ordering new uniforms for Transfer Station. Unanimously approved.

4. Charter Communications updated reviewed; no actions needed.

5. Sweetser Mental Health Recovery Education letter reviewed; no actions needed.

6. Recreation Drive quotes reviewed, tabled. The board makes the decision to add the ARPA project onto the yearly hot top bid sheet.

7. Delta Contract for 2024-2025 is tabled for more discussion. Delta 3rd Quarter report is reviewed.

8. Loitering issues for the Town Office and Transfer Station are discussed.

9. Executive Session

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(C) at 7:22 PM. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session for Acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(C) at 7:50 PM. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:51 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:20 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

8:51 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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