

Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

2986 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330

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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

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Admin to the Board of Selectmen

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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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April 29th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Alicia 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

Appointments:

Old Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb makes the motion to accept the color “FERN” chosen for Town Office awnings. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

New Business:

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

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Charter Communications update reviewed; no actions needed.

5. Occidental Petroleum Corp Common Stock report reviewed; no actions needed.

6. Town Office building inspection for April is reviewed; Admin to give a list of Grange repairs to Public Works.

7. Maine 131 - HP 1452 is discussed.

8. November elections being held at the school are discussed. Chairman to speak to Carl Gartley.

9. The closing of Bella Point is discussed.

10. Fire & Rescue Pay Scales: Executive Session

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:30 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 6:45 PM. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the resignation of Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector, Lezley Jones. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:52 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 7:00 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to increase Fire & Rescue station check, training and call pay from \$15.00 per hour to \$17.00. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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 7:01 PM. Alicia Collins 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 7:21 PM. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Lewis Corriveau makes a motion to accept the electrical proposal from SJS Electric for electrical upgrade needed for digital sign. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

11. Requisition of Purchase from SAA:

- Requesting permission to install propane tanks at snack shack. Tanks and labor are being donated.
- Requesting permission to install a permanent fry and griddle station in the snack shack for \$2940.00.

Alicia Collins makes the motion to allow the Sidney Athletic Association to install propane tanks, fry and griddle to the Sidney snack shack. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 3/2 - 2 abstain LC/HB

SAA must turn in values for all new equipment in order for town's insurance to be updated.

7:53 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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