

# Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

2986 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330  
Phone: 207-547-3340/207-547-3159 Fax: 207-547-5054

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, purely information 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. 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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**

Respectfully submitted,  
Desiree Herson, Admin to the Board of Selectmen

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January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Respectfully submitted,

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January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Respectfully submitted,  
Desiree Hersom, Admin to the Board of Selectmen