

Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

2986 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330

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June 2nd, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:11 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 – 1 absent HB, AC

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

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce, Alicia Collins (arrived at 6:55 PM)

Appointments:

6:20 – Resident of Ferry Road requests the meeting minutes from 10/18/2021 be stricken from the books. Walk-in request. The Board asked them to submit a letter as a formal request.

7:00 – Paving Bids:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to open paving bids at 7:00 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

Wellman Paving bid \$88 per ton for shim. \$88 per ton for overlay.

Pike Industries bid \$90 per ton for shim. \$90 per ton for overlay.

Maine-ly Paving bid \$92.75 per ton for shim. \$92.75 per ton for overlay.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to table bids until a discussion is had with the Road Foreman and to close bids at 7:02 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

Old Business:

1. Delta Contract for 2024-2025 is tabled for more discussion.
2. No actions taken on Grange Hall business.
3. No actions taken on digital sign business.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for May 28th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 (HB, 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: 3/2 (HB, AC)

3. No Road Crew planner to review.

4. Certificates of Appointments:

Alicia Collins motions to accept Lisa Klein as Deputy Registrar of Voters. Chairman Whitcomb seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

Alicia Collins motions to accept Lisa Klein as Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer & Deputy Tax Collector. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

5. Estimate of repair from HJ Smith Co. for Highway Department. Chevy Cheyenne. Unanimously accepted. Expenses to go to summer & winter maintenance budgets.

6. Issue with vagrant loitering at Tiffany Cemetery on Pond Road. Chairman Whitcomb reports Sheriff from KSO summonsed trespasser and “no soliciting” signs have been posted at all the cemeteries.

7. New Groundskeeper has left position. Positions available for Transfer, Groundskeeper & Deputy Clerk. Admin to post to website, social media, MMA and Career Center.

8. Bard Property is discussed. Chairman to speak to Road Foreman.

8:01 P.M. Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 – 1 absent HB

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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June 10th, 2024

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

Vote: 5/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

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

Appointments:

None

Old Business:

1. Delta Contract for 2024-2025 is tabled for more discussion.
2. The Board is tabling for 1 more quote to be reviewed.
3. The Board requests more information from FEMA on the timing of the grant funds being released.
4. Digital Sign electrical upgrade to start on 6/15/24.
5. Board discusses layout and signage for the ballfield, including MMA insurance concerns.

Member Alicia Collins motions to accept Wellman Paving, Inc. bid of \$88.00 for shim and overlay. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for June 2nd, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 abstain HB

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope
 - d. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
 - e. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
 - f. 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. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Quaker Road speed limit sign request reviewed. Admin to touch base with Public Works.
5. Time-off requests for Clerk's Office and Admin Office reviewed and approved. MB/LK
6. AIM Recycling revenue is reviewed.
7. Friends of Messalonskee letter of appreciation is reviewed.
8. Charter Communication updates are reviewed.
9. Requisition for Purchase is signed by the Chair for the purchase of air packs for the Fire Department.
10. Maine EMS Stabilization program funds are reviewed. Rescue Chief to provide a list of requested purchases.
11. Certificates of Appointments:

Chair Whitcomb motions to accept Chris Giroux as the Rescue Chief for Sidney to be effective on 6/10/24 and term ending on 3/31/2025. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept Sara Morey as the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector to be effective on 6/3/2024 with no term end date. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

12. Change of Agent packet is signed by the Chairman.

13. The Board discusses Fire & Rescue training pertaining to EMT courses for Sidney Rescue. 7 people have shown interest. EMT Classes are 16 weeks in length and have a cost of about \$1500.00 per person. Chris Giroux suggest Sidney budget for 2 members per year. Chairman Whitcomb suggests it is researched to see if any free classes are being offered like they were previously. Chief Jandreau discusses how he will reach out to some resources for the free classes.

Fire Chief Jandreau states the new SOG's for the combined Fire & Rescue Department are in progress of being written.

14. Fire & Rescue event coverage at Snow Pond Arts concerts is discussed. John Wiggin & Keegen Ballard to be asked to come to a Board Meeting to go over parking and event coverage in general. Chief Jandreau is asked to also be present.

15. Executive Session:

Member Lewis Corriveau motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:37 PM. Hope Boyce 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 8:25 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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June 17th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:27 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Jay Bradshaw, Kyle Fletcher, John Wiggin, Christa Johnson, Chris Giroux, Richard Jandreau.

Appointments:

6:45 – John Wiggin and Christa Johnson of New England Music Camp discuss concert security, parking, Fire & Rescue and traffic plans for the remaining concerts.

7:21 – Richard Jandreau, Chris Giroux, John Wiggin, Christa Johnson and the Admin leave the meeting.

7:22 – Dan Courtemanch meets with the Board of Selectmen. Requests a private meeting.

Old Business:

1. Delta Contract for 2024-2025 is tabled for more discussion.

2. Grange Hall:

Chairman John Whitcomb motions to accept the bid from Wade Chipman for repairs at Grange Hall for \$36,567.57. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Nothing new to discuss pertaining to the repeater.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for June 10th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

2. Reviewed Clerk's interoffice envelope

- g. Reviewed and signed all A/P warrant(s)
- h. Reviewed and signed the payroll warrant(s)
- i. 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. Hosta Lane complaints pertaining to parking are discussed. It is decided more signs will be installed.
4. Boston Post Cane thank you letter is reviewed.
5. Charter Communication changes are reviewed.
6. Sidney Drummond Road bridge posting is reviewed. Current bridge to be posted to 30 tons and under come the end of June/beginning of July until bridge is replaced by DOT.
7. Warranty Deed for a cemetery plot sale is signed by the Chairman.
8. Vacation request for Public Works is reviewed and approved.
9. The Board discusses switching over to heat pumps at the Town Office. Unanimously rejected at this time.
10. The Board discusses Cobra Health benefits for employees leaving with good notice.
11. The Board discusses the application process for the opening of Deputy Clerk. Town Clerk Sara is to review applications and complete interviews and pass qualifying candidates onto the Board for review.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:22 PM. Hope Boyce 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 8:00 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

Richard Jandreau & Chris Giroux had re-joined the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Alicia Collins motions to adjourn at 8:31 PM. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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June 24th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:21 pm. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom & Keegen Ballard.

Appointments:

None.

Old Business:

1. Delta Contract for 2024-2025 is signed by Chairman Whitcomb.
2. No new discussion or information on the new repeater for Quaker Extension.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for June 17th, 2024. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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 - 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.

4. Memorial Day card from the Memorial Day Committee is reviewed.

5. Charter Communications update is reviewed. On or around 7/22/24, Spectrum will add a new locally zoned Big Ten Network on channel 386. National BTN feed will be dropped.

6. July 5th:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to declare 7/5/24 as a holiday for the staff in the Town of Sidney. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

7. Notes from the Deputy on Tax Leins from 2023 and 2022 were reviewed.

8. Dispatch (PSAP) contract reviewed. Tabled for further discussion.

9. Tax Commitment scenarios reviewed.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to set the milrate at 8.7 for the 2024-2025 tax year. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

10. Member Alicia Collins discusses with the Board what residents on Junction Road need to do to gather information for paving the Junction Road and then presenting it to the Board.

11. Chairman Whitcomb reviews town salaries and benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

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