

Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

2986 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330

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July 1st, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:16 pm. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/LC

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

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce & Lewis Corriveau.

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

Appointments:

None.

Old Business:

1. No new discussion or information on the new repeater for Quaker Extension. Chief Jandreau to reach out to Angela at KCEMA.
2. Chairman Whitcomb signs the 2024-2025 Dispatch and Public Safety Answering Point services agreement with the City of Waterville.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for June 24th, 2024. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/LC

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. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/LC

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.
4. No Road Crew Planner to review, Public Works is closed this week.
5. Time-off request for the Clerk's Office is reviewed and approved. LK
6. Town Clerk requests that AC in Clerk's Office is replaced. The Board requests more information.

7. The Board reviews 2 applicants that the Town Clerk suggests for the second round of interviews. Admin to call in applicants for a Board Meeting on 7/8/24.

8. Chief Jandreau discusses with the Board about purchasing rope and carabiners for assistance with casualties. Informs Board that Engine 1 is out of service being repaired.

9. Board reviews letter of resignation from Code Officer, Keegen Ballard.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:48 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/LC

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:09 PM. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/LC

Respectfully submitted,

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July 8th, 2024

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

Vote: 5/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent: None

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Sean Billington, Sandra Bennett, Richard Jandreau.

Appointments:

6:35 – Residents Sean Billington and Sandra Bennett discuss Hosta Lane parking and the safety concerns with the Board. The Board instructs the Road Crew to move no parking signs to the crest of hill.

6:50 – Board conducts interview with Angel Stewart for a Deputy Clerk position.

Old Business:

1. No new discussion or information on the new repeater for Quaker Extension.
2. Awaiting information back from Clerk's Office on purchase request for new AC unit.

New Business:

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

Vote: 3/2 abstain HB/LC

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. No Road Crew Planner presented.

4. Tax abatements are reviewed and signed by the Selectboard.

5. Delta Ambulance is reviewed. Delta anticipates an increase from \$25 per capital to \$35 per capita for 2025.

6. Deputy Clerk resignation letter from Lisa Klein reviewed and accepted. Discussion needed on Wednesday coverage offer.

7. Executive Session

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:09 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 7:35 PM. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Hope Boyce motions to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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July 15th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent (HB)

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

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Richard Jandreau, Pam Decker, James Decker, Hunter Traussi, Ella Traussi, Greg Traussi, Bonnie O’ Brien, Norman Levin, Jeff Breton.

Appointments:

6:15 – The Board presents employee Mary Blaschke with her 20 Year plaque and gifts.

6:30 – The Board meets with the residents on Ferry Road. The residents discuss why the town has not graded in 2 years. Chairman Whitcomb mentions obstructions near the roadway is a factor and when reviewing the road, it does not appear to need the maintenance. It is discovered that a few residents of Ferry Road have been maintaining the road themselves, thus why the road is in good condition. The Board asks the residents to stop maintaining the public portion of the road.

The residents express concerns with items in the right of way on the public portion, explaining these items decrease the width of the road and cause travel issues. The items are placed very close to the road. The Board agrees to contact surveyor to discuss re-establishing the center of the road, the road and the right of way. Upon completion, the removal of items in the right of way will be discussed.

The residents discuss several civil issues they are having with one another, and the Board explains they cannot be involved in civil matters.

Several other miscellaneous matters discussed.

Old Business:

1. No new discussion or information on the new repeater for Quaker Extension.
2. AC unit project for Clerk’s Office to be given to Public Works to complete.
3. The Board unanimously agrees to allow resigning Clerk, Lisa Klein, to continue to cover on Wednesday’s while the position is being filled.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for July 8th, 2024. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 4/1 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. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent (HB)

3. Road Crew planner is reviewed.

4. Fire & Rescue building inspections are reviewed for all 3 stations. No action taken.

5. Tax abatements & Supplements are reviewed and signed by the Board.

6. Certificate of Appointments:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept Angel Stewart as the Deputy Registrar of Voters. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent (HB)

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept Angel Stewart as the Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Tax Collector. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent (HB)

7. Application for on-premise liquor license for Snow Pond Arts is reviewed and signed.

8. Executive Session

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:55 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent (HB)

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:43 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent (HB)

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 8:44 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent (HB)

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July 22nd, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:26 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

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

Appointments:

6:38 – Employee Arnold Nickerson meets with the Board.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:38 PM. Lewis Corriveau 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 7:02 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

7:05 – Chris Giroux speaks to the Board about spending the EMS Stabilization Grant. He presents the Board with the purchase of an automated CPR device and a new stair chair. He discusses there is a \$1400.00 difference. Costs are more than provided grant. It is suggested that Fire and Rescue split the costs through donations or new equipment. The CPR device and stair chair are to be kept on the Rescue truck.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept the EMS Stabilization Grant for \$28,426.00 and to use this grant on the purchase of a Lucas Device with 4-yrs ProCare SVC & Stair-Pro for \$29,826.00. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to spend the difference of \$1400.00 out of new equipment budget lines, half from each department. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Fire Chief mentions they will be providing EMS/Fire services to Snow Pond Arts academy for the concert on 7/28/24. \$1000.00 agreement in place for services.

7:30 – Applicant Nathan Smart meets with Board on Code Enforcement position.

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension

- FEMA has approved the funds to be released back to the town once an upgraded repeater has been purchased. Angela Molino at Kennebec County Emergency Management sent over the approval email. Peter Hussey has been contacted about the order for a Leonardo V3110 ECOS-D Base Station.

Specs: 110 wats, simulcast, analog, P25 digital, DMR digital, multimode. Cost \$17,635.00. Grant is \$18,000.00

Chairman Whitcomb motions to use monies from the Contingency Funds for repeater purchase while awaiting Federal reimbursement. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for July 15th, 2024. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 4/1 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. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew planner is reviewed.

4. Occidental Corp stock information is reviewed.

5. Town Office building inspection is reviewed, action items to be given to Public Works.

6. Propane Tank leaning behind the town office is discussed. Fabian Oil to complete repairs on 7/24/24.

7. Time-off requests are reviewed and approved. AS & SM

8. On-Premise catering application is reviewed and signed for Lakeside Lodge.

9. Grange Purchase order is reviewed, contract from Wade Chipman is reviewed.

10. Code Enforcement application was reviewed, see under appointments.

11. Executive Session

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:52 PM. Alisa Meggison 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 9:25 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

Hope Boyce motions to adjourn at 9:25 PM. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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July 29th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Desiree Hersom.

Appointments:

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension

- Awaiting confirmation from Hussey Communications on order of repeater.

2. Grange Contract

- \$15,000 deposit check in this week's warrant, contractor will be in to sign contract and pick-up deposit per Chairman Whitcomb.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for July 22nd, 2024. 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. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 5/0

3. Road Crew planner is reviewed.

4. AIM Recycling revenue is reviewed.

5. Abatement is reviewed and signed by the Selectmen.

6. Certificate of Appointment:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Nathan Smart to the position of Code Enforcement Officer & Licensed Plumbing Inspector effective July 22, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

7. The Board reviews the email from MMA's Property & Casualty Pool which outlined the various increases that will be effective as of 7/23/24.

8. The Board reviews two residential complaints pertaining to lighting at the James H. Bean school. Admin passed along the concerns to the Superintendent.

9. Town Clerk presents a visual layout for the proposed setup for voting at the James H Bean school.

10. Executive Session

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:45 PM. Lewis Corriveau 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 7:50 PM. Hope Boyce seconds.

Vote: 5/0

11. Chairman discusses Bartlett Road property cleanup and electrical bill.

12. Chairman discusses sublet concerns at Grange Hall.

13. Chairman notifies members that the remaining pieces to the boat canopy for the Rescue Boat are in.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 5/0

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