

Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

2986 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330

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August 5th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Lewis Corriveau 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, Carol Billington, Jason Porter, Maureen Claire.

Appointments:

6:45 – Resident Carol Billington discusses the safety concerns for traffic traveling over the crest of the hill on Hosta coming in and leaving the boat landing. She suggests the town paints no parking, looks into mirrors, contacts the State or adds more signs on the crest itself. The Road Foremen had explained the hill is made of ledge and installing a sign on the crest may be difficult. Multiple signs have been placed on both sides of the road (Fire Lane, No Parking, Towing) but Carol presents photo evidence that signs are being ignored or people park in between them.

The Board will be contacting the State to meet with a representative about the safety issues on Hosta.

7:00 – Sidney Athletic Association President, Jason Porter & Board Member, Maureen Claire, meet with the Board of Selectmen on SAA matters.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:02 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 9:48 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension

- Repeater has been ordered through Hussey Communications. Town will be reimbursed through FEMA after payment is made.

2. Grange Contract

- A \$15,000 deposit check has been issued to the contractor. Contracts are signed.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for July 29th, 2024. Alicia Collins 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 presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

3. Road Crew planner is reviewed.

4. Certificate of Appointment:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept Marjorie Wilbur as the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Tax Collector. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

5. Town acquired property on Bartlett Road is discussed. Public Works and Town Office to begin to assess the fees associated with acquiring and securing the property.

6. Ferry Road is discussed. The Board to re-define the centerline. Previous surveyor, Greg Carey of Carey Land Surveys is contacted as he performed the centerline survey in 2021.

7. Planned Executive Session for other matters is tabled for the following week.

8. Chairmen requests to prepare a warrant article for 2025 that would address Veteran tax exemptions.

9. Admin informs the Board that the switchover between Code Enforcement Officers will take place on 8/6/2024. Nate Smart will begin, Keegen will continue to shadow for a couple weeks to make sure the house is in order.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 10:07 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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August 12th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:20 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.

Appointments:

None

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension
 - Repeater being built by Hussey Communications.
2. Bartlett Road
3. Ferry Road

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for August 5th, 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 presented; authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of money necessary to cover the warrant. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

3. Road Crew planner is reviewed; Ferry Road is added.
4. Delta 4th Quarter report is reviewed.
5. Qualified Catering Applications are signed.
6. Application for Snow Pond's tasting event is signed.

7. Time-off request for the Admin Office is reviewed and approved. MB & DH

8. Interested applicant to turn in an application for an interim part-time position in the Clerk's Office until the full-time position can be filled.

9. Veteran Excise exemptions are reviewed.

Ferry Road maintenance is discussed. Chairman Whitcomb to talk with the Road Crew. Maintenance to begin on 8/13/24.

10. Executive Session:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:12 PM. Alicia Collins 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 8:21 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

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

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

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August 19th, 2024

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

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/AM

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

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce, Alisa Meggison.

Public Present: Desiree Hersom.

Appointments:

None

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension
 - a. Repeater being built by Hussey Communications.
2. Bartlett Road
 - a. Nothing new to discuss.
3. Ferry Road
 - a. Road work is almost complete, possibly needs a load or two of 2-inch. All 33.04 feet of the road taken by the town and reconstructed, right ways cleared of all personal items. (plants, poles etc.) and then reconstructed by Road Crew. Rip Rap installed. Portions re-seeded.
4. Veteran Excise Exemptions
 - a. Letters to be drawn up for DMV, Secretary of State, Pouilot, Bradstreet, Collins, Golden, King, Pingree.

New Business:

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

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/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: 3/2 absent HB/AM

3. Road Crew planner is reviewed; Ferry Road is added.
 - a. Road Crew to be asked to submit quotes for a skid steer and attachments.
 - b. Culvert replacement requests are approved.
4. Dividend payments from the Worker's Compensation fund reviewed.
5. Preliminary 2025 State Valuation reviewed.
6. Application for Deputy ACO reviewed and interview to be scheduled for 9/3/24.
7. Vehicle Excise reimbursement request from the Town Clerk is reviewed and approved.
8. CEO pay is discussed.
9. Performance Evaluation moved to item #9:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:20 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/AM

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:56 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/AM

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/AM

Respectfully submitted,

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August 26th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:19 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/AC

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

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce, Alicia Collins.

Public Present: Desiree Hersom

Appointments:

None

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension
 - a. Repeater being built by Hussey Communications.
2. Bartlett Road
 - a. Previous property owners have not contacted the town for follow-up.
3. Ferry Road
 - a. Gravel work still needed.
4. Veteran Excise Exemptions
 - a. Letters to be drawn up for DMV, Secretary of State, Bradstreet, Collins, Golden, King, Pingree.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for August 19th, 2024.

Tabled, no quorum.

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 absent HB/AC

3. No Road Crew Planner is presented. Crew to prioritize roadside mowing for the week.
4. Time-off requests for the Clerk's Office are reviewed and approved. AS

5. Abatement request is reviewed and approved.
6. AIM Recycling revenue is reviewed.
7. Delta Regional Newsletter is reviewed. Jay Bradshaw to email Board information to complete an EMSTAT review request.
8. Approval for voting in November to be moved to the James H. Bean school is reviewed. Information to be rolled out to the public.
9. Hunting and game cameras on public land is discussed. Admin to have a discussion with the area Game Warden, looking into the legalities of placing no hunting signs on the Kennebec boat launch area due to safety concerns.
10. Chairman Whitcomb discusses his meeting with Director of the Boat Facilities Division, Tom Linscott pertaining to the boat launch on Messalonskee. A new parking area is being discussed. Bore tests for the hillcrest are being discussed.
11. DEP Inspection was completed at the Transfer Station on 8/23/24. Awaiting report from DEP.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 absent HB/AC

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen