

Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

2986 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330

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September 3rd, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 5:26 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

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

Selectboard Members Absent: Hope Boyce

Public Present: Desiree Hersom, Jeff Breton, Hunter Traussi, Jason Featherson, Gabby Kaczmarek, Winona Kinsella, Shawn Mullen, Jay Bradshaw, Richard Jandreau and Chris Giroux.

Appointments:

Interview completed with Macey Eubank.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 5:58 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 6:23 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

Interview completed with Jason Featherson.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:30 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 6:51 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

7:00 – Jeff Breton with Ferry Road:

- The Board explains the petition process and the process to follow if residents would like to see a road turned over to the town. Jeff is given information pertaining to the rights of residents on private roads in reference to keeping right-aways clear.

Interview completed with Gabby Kaczmarek.

Interview completed with Winona Kinsella.

Interview completed with Shawn Mullen.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:17 PM. Alisa Meggison 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 8:06 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

8:00 – Jay Bradshaw (Board requested EMSTAT assistance)

- Jay guides the Board on how to write up a proper request for assistance for Sidney. EMSTAT will provide information for the Board pertaining to the EMS Department for Sidney and what options Sidney may have to help alleviate the costs of Delta’s rising per capita billing for their ambulance services.

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension

- a. Repeater paid for, awaiting delivery and installation.

2. Bartlett Road

- a. CMP bill reviewed; property was being charged for medium non-residential delivery fees. CMP contacted to reverse fees back to a residential service.

3. Ferry Road

- a. Gravel work still needed.

4. Veteran Excise Exemptions

- a. Letters reviewed and signed.
- b. Discussion on how topic was addressed at MMA’s Legislative Policy Committee meeting.

New Business:

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

Vote: 3/2 – 1 abstain AM, 1 absent HB.

2. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes for August 26th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/2 – 1 abstain AC, 1 absent HB.

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: 4/1 absent HB

4. Road Crew Planner reviewed; actions added.
5. Time-off requests for the Public Works is reviewed and approved. DM
6. Charter Communications notification reviewed.
7. August building inspection of the Town Office and Grange is reviewed.
 - a. Grange added to the Road Crew Planner to check on the hot water upstairs.

Lewis Corriveau motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:52 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 9:17 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 9:18 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/1 absent HB

Respectfully submitted,
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September 9th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Richard Jandreau.

Appointments:

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension
 - a. Nothing new to discuss, awaiting installation.
2. Bartlett Road
 - a. Nothing new to discuss.
3. Ferry Road
 - a. Gravel work still needed.
4. Messalonskee Boat Launch
 - a. Nothing new to discuss.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as amended for September 3rd, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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: 4/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Certificate of Appointments:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Winona Robbins Kinsella of Sidney as Assistant to the Town Clerk, Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Tax Collector effective September 16th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Macey Eubank of Sidney as Deputy Registrar of Voters effective September 16th, 2024. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Macey Eubank of Sidney as Deputy Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector effective September 16th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Gabriel Kaczmarek of Albion as Deputy Animal Control Officer effective September 3rd, 2024. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Jason Featherson of Sidney as Deputy Animal Control Officer effective September 3rd, 2024. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

5. Speed on RT 27 discussed. Admin to speak to DOT to request them to do a speed count from Steve's Appliance to the old boat landing.

6. Report on Big Apple practicing unsafe food handling. Chief Jandreau to check into this.

7. Safety Officer to check SDS sheets for hand sanitizers.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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September 16th, 2024

Alicia Collins motions to call the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Chair Whitcomb seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Richard Jandreau, Lorri Stillman, Neal Stillman, Desiree Hersom.

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

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 6:28 PM. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Appointments:

6:30 – The Board meets with attorney Neal Stillman pertaining to 141 Bartlett Road. Neal’s client expressed interest in purchasing the property back. The Board discussed what the property was being utilized for and discussed their concerns about selling the property to 238 Best Realty. Mr. Stillman was provided with the current pay-off to purchase the property back. Mr. Stillman will be speaking with his client further on the matter.

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension
 - a. Nothing new to discuss, awaiting installation.
2. Ferry Road
 - a. Gravel work still needed.
3. Messalonskee Boat Launch
 - a. Discussion on the possible removal of the hill crest.
 - b. Discussion on an additional parking area.
4. Veteran’s Excise Exemption
 - a. Letter from Shenna Bellows reviewed and discussed.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for September 9th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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: 4/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.
4. AIM Recycling revenue is reviewed.
5. Time-off requests from the Clerk's Office are reviewed and approved. AS
6. Summer Haven's \$50.00 donation to the Fire and Rescue Department is acknowledged.
7. Building inspections for all 3 Fire & Rescue departments are reviewed.
8. Requisition for Purchase submitted by the Rescue Chief for 2 new extrication helmets is reviewed. The request was for \$632.80. The board unanimously approves the purchase.
9. Storage for materials for the vendor repairing Grange Hall is discussed.
10. The Board unanimously approves being invoiced for 3 new keys for the Kennebec Valley Humane Society. Total keys in circulation will be 4, one issued to each ACO.
11. Fire Chief Jandreau requests cell phone reimbursement for Rescue Chief Giroux. Chairman Whitcomb stated the Board will discuss the matter, that there may be other solutions to phone reimbursements other than the current policy Sidney uses.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:46 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:44 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Alicia Collins motions to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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September 23rd, 2024

Chair Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:21 pm. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: Maureen Clair

Appointments:

6:45 – See Public Hearing minutes.

7:00 – The Board meets with Maureen Clair and discusses direct payment of a bill to Elliot Office Products.

Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension

- a. The repeater has been shipped and is scheduled to be delivered Monday, the 23rd. Hussey Communications should be able to get it installed by the end of this week.

2. Ferry Road

- a. Gravel work completed, removing from old business.

3. Bartlett Road

- a. No new communications from previous owner's legal team.

4. Messalonskee Boat Launch

- a. Discussions continue pertaining to the options for additional parking.

5. Veteran's Excise Exemption

- a. Chairman Whitcomb continues working with the LPC for MMA.

6. Speed Count for RT 27

- a. DOT acknowledges request and will work on the materials for the town.

7. Cell Phone Stipends

- a. Further discussion needed.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for September 16th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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: 4/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed; items added.
4. Charter Communication update is reviewed.
5. Building inspection for the Grange and Town Office is reviewed.
6. The Board reviews and accepts the resignation of a Transfer Station personnel.
7. Heat Pump estimate submitted by SJS Electric is reviewed.
8. The Board discusses 46 Pepin Road driveway drainage. Public Works to go inspect.
9. Executive Session:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:03 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Lewis Corriveau motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:25 PM. Alisa Meggison seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Respectfully submitted,
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Town of Sidney – Public Hearing Minutes

September 23rd, 2024

Chairman John Whitcomb motions to open public meeting at 6:45 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.
Vote: 4/0

Present: Chair John Whitcomb, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins, Alisa Meggison.

Absent: None.

Public Present: None

The floor is opened to the public for any questions or concerns:

“Shall this municipality accept the new GA Maximums for October 1, 2024?”

Chairman Whitcomb makes the motion to accept the state recommended new GA maximums for October 1, 2024. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn the public meeting at 6:47 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Respectfully submitted, Desiree L. Hersom

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September 30th, 2024

Lewis Corriveau motions to call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 3/1 absent JW

Alisa Meggison motions for member Lewis Corriveau to serve as interim Chair. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 3/1 absent JW

Selectboard Members Present: Alisa Meggison, Lewis Corriveau, Alicia Collins.

Selectboard Members Absent: Chairman Whitcomb until 6:28 PM.

Public Present: Brittany Porter, Jason Porter, Chief Jandreau, Jon Michael, Nate Smart.

Appointments:

Chairman Whitcomb enters the meeting at 6:28 PM.

Lewis Corriveau motions to turn the Chair position over to John Whitcomb at 6:30 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

6:30 – The Board and Sidney Athletic Association discuss SAA bylaws, accounting, checks/balances. SAA to turn in new bylaws by December 16th and provide the Board with monthly financial & meeting updates.

7:17 – Chief Jandreau completes BLS (Bureau of Labor Standards) training with employees.

Old Business:

1. Repeater for Quaker Extension

a. Awaiting confirmation of installation from vendor. Remove from old business.

2. Bartlett Road

a. No new communications from previous owner's legal team. Remove from old business.

3. Messalonskee Boat Launch

a. Discussions continue pertaining to the options for additional parking. Remove from old business.

4. Veteran's Excise Exemption

a. Chairman Whitcomb continues working with the LPC for MMA. Remove from old business.

5. Speed Count for RT 27

a. DOT presents information requested to the Board. Remove from old business.

6. Cell Phone Stipends

a. Further discussion needed.

New Business:

1. Lewis Corriveau motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for September 23rd, 2024. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 3/1 absent JW

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.

Lewis Corriveau 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: 3/1 absent JW

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed; items added.

4. Sign portion of the zoning ordinance discussed. Sign complaint reviewed. Member Alicia Collins to follow-up resident.

5. Delta Ambulance meeting discussed.

6. Member Alicia Collins states she is not available for the Tuesday meeting after the holiday on the 14th.

7. 67 Mt. Vista culvert is discussed and added to the Road Crew planner.

8. Speed limit signs on Bartlett Road are discussed and added to the Road Crew planner to inspect for any signs. It is discussed that if speed limit signs are needed, the town can only install signs for 45 MPH per Maine DOT laws.

9. Discussion on the vehicles offered to municipalities by RSU 18.

Alicia Collins motions to adjourn at 9:01 PM. Chairman Whitcomb seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

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