

Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

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October 7th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent: None.

Public Present: None.

Appointments: None.

Old Business:

1. Cell Phone Stipends
 - a. Further research and discussion needed. No actions taken.
2. Vehicles
 - a. Road Foreman and Chairman discussing options for van; 2 buses being returned.
3. Mt. Vista Culvert
 - a. Members to visit property and view culvert. Discussion about adding 24-inch culvert to the 25_26 budget.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for September 30th, 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.

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: 4/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed; items added.
4. Maine Revenue Services letter reviewed pertaining to proposed 2025 evaluation of Sidney.
5. Website updates are discussed; digital sign updates are discussed.

6. Abatement submitted is reviewed and signed.

7. The Board discusses the legalities pertaining to selling any of the tax acquired properties from 2024. Properties must be listed by a realtor. Tabled for further consideration on all the properties.

8. Housekeeping items discussed in reference to the Recreation Drive area on West River Road.

a. cleaning of animal waste

b. signs pertaining to dogs

c. social media posts

9. Chairman Whitcomb updates the Board with information that the Grange construction work shall begin on 10/8/2024.

10. Excise Exemptions for Fire & Rescue vehicles are discussed. State Law provides only vehicles owned by the Fire & Rescue Departments fall under the exemption. Personal vehicles are not a part of the law.

11. A map of possible parking expansion on Hosta Lane is presented and discussed. Chairman Whitcomb continues to work on solutions.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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October 15th, 2024

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

Vote: 3/1 absent AC

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

Selectboard Members Absent: Alicia Collins.

Public Present: None.

Appointments:

6:45 – Appointment did not show.

Old Business:

1. Cell Phone Stipends
 - a. Further research and discussion needed.
2. Mt. Vista Culvert
 - a. Re-evaluate for 25/26 budget. (24-inch culvert)

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for October 7th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/1 absent 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: 3/1 AC

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. Charter Communications updates are reviewed. The contract negotiation window is opening soon, Town to renegotiate the contract to receive 5% of the Franchise Fee.

5. Requisition for Purchase order for Storm Elliot repairs at the ballfield is reviewed and signed.

6. Delta Ambulance quarterly check-in letter is reviewed.

7. Certificates of Appointments:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to accept Katherine Perry of Sidney, Donna Dolham of Sidney, Macey Eubank of Sidney and Angel Stewart of Oakland as Ballot/Election Clerks to be effective as of October 15th, 2024 with a term ending on March 31, 2026. Lewis seconds.

Vote: 3/1 absent AC

8. Discussion on election training.

9. Discussion on Hosta Lane and parking.

10. Admin to contact Peter Hussey about new repeater install.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 7:02 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/1 absent AC

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen