

Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

2986 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330
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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

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October 21ST, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: None.

Appointments:

None.

Old Business:

1. Cell Phone Stipends
 - a. Decision to keep stipend policies as they are.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for October 15th, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 3/1 abstain 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: 4/0

3. Road Crew Planner reviewed.

4. AIM Recycling metal pickup reviewed.

5. Maine Revenue Services 2024 Municipal Valuation is reviewed and signed.

6. The Board reviews KRDA's proposed amendment to the KRDA by-laws. Chairman Whitcomb makes the motion to vote "no" for the amendment. Lewis seconds.

Vote: 4/0

7. Dams Committee membership is discussed, tabled.

8. Damages to the Bartlett Road public way is discussed. Numerous reports of burn outs and destruction to the pavement. Information to be sent to KSO.

9. 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: 4/0

Alicia Collins motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:27 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

10. Admin to schedule meeting with the Board and the Fire & Rescue Chief pertaining to the new SOG's being created for the combined departments.

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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November 4th, 2024

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

Vote: 4/0

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

Public Present: None.

Appointments:

6:45 – Interview completed with Matthew Bye for a Transfer Station position.

7:15 – The Board discusses Fire Rescue SOG’s with Chief Jandreau and Assistant Chief Giroux. Departments to be fully combined by March 31st, 2025.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for October 21st, 2024. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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 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.

- a. Striping for Quaker/Goodhue not approved for current budget.
- b. Items added by Selectmen.

4. Charter Communication update reviewed.

5. MMA Health Trust rates are reviewed.

- a. 9% increase to Sidney’s plan for 25/26

6. Maine DOT culvert work for 2027 is reviewed.

7. Time-off requests submitted by Clerk's Office are reviewed and approved.
8. Building Inspection for the Town Office and Grange is reviewed. No actions taken.
9. The Board discusses the need for more room for cardboard at the Transfer Station. An additional bin costs \$100.00 per month. Research on a compactor added to the Road Crew Planner.
10. Waste Zero program is reviewed. No actions taken.
11. The Board requests business cards be made for all members.
12. The Sidney Athletic Association (SAA) requests that 1 Selectmen sit on their Board. Alisa Meggison volunteers.
13. Destruction of roads due to "burn outs" discussed. Roads with concerns include Bartlett Road, Quaker Road, Tiffany Road and West River Road. The board is asking the Road Crew to take photos; added to Road Crew Planner.

Also discussed was the winterizing of the Bartlett Road property. Added to Road Crew Planner.

14. Member Alicia Collins notifies the Board she will be out for the November 18th meeting.
15. Holiday contest is discussed, Admin to post to social media requesting a volunteer from the community to help organize/find prize donations.
16. Executive Session:

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

Vote: 4/0

Alicia Collins motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:45 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 8:49 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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November 12th, 2024

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:11 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. Selectmen make the decision to have 2 Transfer Attendants on 3 days per week. Selectmen continue to review cardboard recycling options.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for November 4th, 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. No Road Crew Planner is submitted.

4. RHR Audit Contracts for 25/26 year are reviewed.

5. Charter Communications updates are reviewed.

6. Efficiency Maine incentives for municipalities reviewed, no actions taken.

7. Time-off Requests are reviewed and approved.

8. Certified Clerk request submitted by Town Clerk is reviewed and signed.

9. Hazardous Waste Day with KVCOG is reviewed, unanimously rejected.
10. Requisition for Purchase presented by the Rescue Chief is reviewed.
 - a. Approved for ballistic vest costing \$734.57. Will be used to outfit a new Rescue employee.
11. The Computer Replacement Schedule presented by Admin is reviewed.
 - a. Purchase of 1 computer for Fire & Rescue Department is approved for I Am Responding PC. Computer passed useful life and recommended for upgrade by the IT Department.

12. Executive Session:

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: 4/0

Alicia Collins motions to come out of Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:16 PM. Chairman Whitcomb seconds.

Vote: 4/0

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 7:17 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

Vote: 4/0

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