

# Town of Sidney, Maine – Selectmen Minutes

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**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

Chairman Whitcomb motions to call the meeting to order at 6:17 pm. Alicia Collins seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

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

**Selectboard Members Absent:**

**Public Present:** Richard Jandreau.

**Appointments:** None.

## **Old Business:**

1. Selectmen continue reviewing cardboard options. Waste Management will cost \$228 per pickup, plus rental costs of the container (TBD) and weight costs.
2. The Board continues to compare current landlines with moving to internet phones through Tech Solutions of Maine.
3. The Board discusses the request for a replacement International from the Public Works Department. More information needed.

## **New Business:**

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Alisa Meggison 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 is reviewed.
4. Charter Communications update is reviewed.
5. Building Inspection for the Town Office & Grange is reviewed.
  - a. Admin Assistant to contact electrician about an outlet behind the Admin Assistant desk.

6. Requisition for Purchase using ARPA funds is reviewed and approved. Security cameras to be installed.

7. Heat pumps are discussed. More information is needed.

8. Executive Session:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 7:27 PM. Alicia Collins 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 8:29 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 8:29 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Jay Bradshaw, Richard Jandreau, Jason Porter.

**Appointments:**

7:00 Mowing Bids:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to open the mowing bids for the Recreational Field at 7:04 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

Mid-Maine Lawn Care bids \$10,500.00

AK Lawn & Landscape bids \$8,415.00

Baker's Lawn Care bids \$12,000.00

Swan's Lawns bids \$15,500.00

Blodgett's Lawn Care bids \$19,950.00

Lewis Corriveau motions to hand bids off to the Sidney Athletic Association for review and selection. Alicia Collins seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

Chairman Whitcomb motions to close the mowing bids for the Recreational Field at 7:08 PM. Alicia Collins seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

7:15 Chief Jandreau:

Fire Chief Jandreau presents the Board with a grant for \$15,000.00 from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation. Grant must be used to purchase equipment to modernize Sidney's youth fire education and response training program. The equipment being purchased will be a mobile inflatable recreation of a small house, smoke machine, appliance dolly, tie-down straps, extension cords, and a generator.

**Old Business:**

1. Selectmen continue reviewing cardboard options.
2. Consolidated copper line phones vs. Tech Solutions VOLp phones:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to move over to internet phones provided by Technology Solutions of Maine with internet upgrade included. Alisa Meggison seconds.

**Vote: 3/1 oppose LC**

\*Upgrade to include Town Office, Garage, Transfer, West River Road Station and Shepherd Road Station. Pond Road does not have internet access.

3. More information on heat pumps is needed.

**New Business:**

1. Chairman Whitcomb motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented for December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 is reviewed; notes are added for the Foreman.

4. Certificates of Appointments:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Sara Morey of Winslow as the Registrar of Voters to be effective January 1, 2025, with the term ending on January 1, 2028. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

Chairman Whitcomb motions to appoint Angel Stewart of Oakland, Macey Eubank of Sidney, and Patricia Bragg of Sidney as Deputy Registrar of Voters to be effective January 1, 2025, with the term ending on January 1, 2028. Alicia Collins seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

5. The Board discusses the use of the digital sign and social media during weather closings/delays. Laptop to leave Sidney with an employee on anticipated storm closings/delays to keep social media updated and the digital sign. Social media and the sign to also be used for lack of staff closings.

6. Maine Paid Leave:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to split the Maine Paid Leave contribution with employees. .05% to employees and .05% to the Town of Sidney. Alicia Collins seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

7. Requisition for Purchase from Chief Giroux of the Rescue Dept is reviewed. Request to purchase a cardiac monitor (up to \$18,000) from ARPA funds. The Board unanimously accepts the request.

8. Requisition for Purchase from the Office is reviewed. Request to purchase 4 TB of space for the server for \$427 from the Equipment Maintenance fund. The Board unanimously accepts the request.

9. Executive Session:

Chairman Whitcomb motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) at 8:05 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 9:31 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

Chairman Whitcomb motions to adjourn at 9:32 PM. Lewis Corriveau seconds.

**Vote: 4/0**

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Hersom, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen