

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2023

Present: William O. Young-Chair, George Spear-Vice Chair, Melissa Spear-Treasurer, Nancy Robinson-Clerk, Victoria Young-Administrative Assistant/Lister

Visitors: Tammy Wardwell, Bruce Maxham

Zoom: Diane Martin, Selena Robinson, Dennis & Joan Wideman

Executive Session – Personnel Per 1 V.S.A. 313 (a)(3) If needed. None

Call to Order: William called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

- ** Additions/Changes to Agenda: Olmstead's pay rate, Salt Shed, EWP Program Update, Town Meeting Place, December Meeting Schedule, & Southgate House Plumbing.

Minutes: November 14, 2023 – The Board reviewed the minutes and William made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by George-motion passed

Highway Report: Updates: Olmstead's-Plowing pay rate- William had contacted Mike but had not heard back in time for the meeting, so the Board left it tentatively at \$125.00 per hour as discussed-until they hear from Mike. Mike has been plowing for the Town.

- Salt Shed – The Board would like to have Pete Fellowes (TRORPC) attend the December meeting to discuss their options.
- Bids –None
- Discussion of the Gorge Project- Hoping to have the road open in the next three weeks.

Treasurer's File:

- AP Warrant #24-09 - Manual Cks #2790-#2792 & Cks #20968-#20990 & Payroll Warrant - November 2023 - Cks #5103-#5112 & E-Cks #3840-#3861- The Board reviewed the two Warrants-and signed. Melissa also reported that the FEMA Rep will be here Wednesday.

Clerk's File:

- EWP Program Update – Nancy updated that three of the six applicants had been approved for the program. She wants to put this on the next agenda after she has spoken with the three applicants about the program's conditions. She would like the Board to reiterate that there will be no cost to the town and that the applicants will bear all costs. General discussion of the program details. William made a motion that the town will not be liable for any cost of the program - only as a sponsor for the program to be available to landowners. Seconded by George-motion passed.

Lister Updates: Vicky updated that she has had some conversation with the State about the Statistical Market Update and expects to hear from them very soon.

New Business: Snowmobile Policy 2023-2024- The Board reviewed and signed the Policy.

- Town Meeting 2024 – Place – Discussion of where Town Meeting will be held in March –The Community Center or the Fire Station? Melissa will check with BACF to see if the Multi-Purpose room would be available to use in March – If not then we will see about using the Fire Station again. The Community Center would be the best choice-but depends on if they will have their Certificate of Occupancy.
- December Meeting Schedule - after discussion - it was decided to have one meeting in December on the 19th. Budget meetings will be starting soon - early in January.

Old / Other Business: Southgate House Plumbing – The septic pipes in the basement of the Southgate House are leaking and A-1 Sewer was called yesterday and came today to assess. William came and discussed a plan to get this fixed. The cast iron pipes in the basement are full of holes and the line to the street is full of roots - preventing proper drainage. A-1 was able to temporarily clear the pipes enough to drain and not spill out. They took pictures and will submit an estimate of repairs needed. William told them that we want to replace all the cast iron pipes with PVC pipes. The repair done is just a band aid for the situation. After discussing the need to get the repairs done soon-and possibly before spring to get the repairs done to the curb - William made a motion to authorize up to \$12,000.00 for repairs to the indoor plumbing – seconded by George – motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting: December 19, 2023

Visitors: Tammy Wardwell is still having issues with her driveway access off Braley Road – she would like the town to fix the dip – William has spoken with Randy and assured her that the town is doing the best that we can do with two employees. Selena Robinson also is having a problem with the dip on the road where their driveway meets the town road. Nancy is also concerned with the ditches on Robinson Road. General discussion of Pearson Road, Permits for river access, and truckers.

Adjourn: William made a motion to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. - seconded by George-motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Young

Administrative
Assistant