



Town of Baldwin, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 08th, 2023, 6:00 P.M.



Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website www.baldwinmaine.org.

Attendance: Selectmen: Jim Dolloff, and Dale Miner, as well as members of the Public.

1. **Jim Dolloff called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:05PM.**

2. **Review/ Approve minutes.**
Dale Miner moved to accept and approve July 25th, 2023, minutes as written. Robert Flint seconded the motion. The selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.

3. **Review/ Approve warrant.**
Robert Flint moved to accept and approve the August 8th, 2023, warrant. Dale Miner seconded the motion, no discussion. The selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.

4. **Discuss/Review Proposed Cumberland County General Assistance Contract:** Robert Flint stated that the contract is similar to the general assistance contract the Town had with Opportunity Alliance. The hourly rate is approximately \$65.00 per hour. The Town can designate office hours. General Assistance hours are held in the Town Office on Thursdays from 8:00am-12:00pm. The weekly scheduled hours equate to ~\$13,000.00/year. Any additional hours and travel time are charged at the same rate. Barry Jordan could be the designated General Assistance back up administrator. It is a three-year contract starting July 1st and automatically renews. Robert Flint would ask the rate to be prorated for the first year, as it is now August. An emergency after-hours phone number would be provided to the Town to post/provide to residents. Dale Miner questioned the disparity between the cost of general assistance administration and the aid provided. The state requires GA administrators to be trained and qualified. It was later decided to ask Cumberland County about providing services without set office hours. Robert Flint moved to agree to contract with Cumberland County. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

5. **Schedule Winter Road Closing Review:** Robert Flint confirmed that the law says the Town has until Oct 1st to hold a public hearing and as a result determine changes in road closures. closure orders issued are good for ten years.
Bob recommends review of road closures annually. He will put together a suggested date to hold a public hearing, once that's done, orders can be put together and signed.

6. **Fire Chief, Steve Sanders – WMTW Tower Radio Equipment Relocation Project:** Chief Sanders confirmed the work of relocating the radio repeater and equipment to a building below for the Fire Department is done. The project was completed under budget. Per service person, Jeff Hartford, the radio repeater has approximately one year life expectancy. This is due to age and inability of replacement parts. Slowly drifting off from frequency is resulting in interference from other towns sharing same or close frequencies. Replacement costs are projected to be ~\$8000.00-\$8,500.00. Cumberland County dispatch is in a similar transition. Compatibility is necessary. Federal Grant funding may be available to assist with radio replacement for municipalities.



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Chief Sanders reported the Fire Department met the ISO training goal. By achieving the training hours required by the Iso, the Town will be able to maintain the ISO score for one year; during which time work will continue toward bringing the hydrants into ISO compliance.

7. **WMTW Channel 8 Scholarship Advertisement:** Administrative Assistant Robyn Anderson noted that historically the scholarship advertisement in the Shopping Guide was posted by September 1st. Further review of the policy was recommended by the selectmen to determine whether scholarships should be awarded to postgraduate students.

8. **Road Commissioner Update:** Road Commissioner, Chris Harrington said he has ordered culverts for Brown Rd. He plans to speak to a landowner about creating a spill way for a duck pond to divert it away from the road. Ditch work on both sides of the road has helped with the continued rain. The 2009 International broke down. Will need a new rear end before winter. Repair estimate ~\$12,000.00.

9. **8 Wentworth Road:** Administrative Assistant, Robyn Anderson reported that a resident came into the office seeking the CEO and Health Officer regarding sanitation and safety concerns at 8 Wentworth Road. A lot of trash continues to build up. A camper has been brought in where land has been recently cleared/cut and people are living in it. She believes there to be no water, sewer, or electricity in the camper. It was said that additional people are expected to be moving into the camper. CEO, Don Kent. Said he will go and do an inspection of the property and may follow up with a letter.

Selectman, Dale Miner noted that the contractor which expressed interest in the Community Center roof repair has not followed through with a meeting to look at the work. He said he knew of another contractor that might look at it.

Dale noted that water continues to be pumped into the roadway on Freemont Ave. It was confirmed that the Road Commissioner's letter had been mailed to the resident responsible for pumping the water.



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Reminders: Brown Memorial Library book sale Saturday, August 12th. 9:00am – 3:00pm. The Auxiliary will also be selling baked goods and lunch.

Public Question and Comment:

Planning Board Chair, Jo Pierce reported challenges with applicants not carrying through with processes in a timely manner.

Kathy Pierce reported that the Baldwin Auxiliary Yard Sale was successful raising ~\$2000.00, selling approximately two-thirds of items. Some goods are provided to the Lions Club. Jo Pierced asked about progress on fulfilling the grant for the walking paths behind the community center. Suggests posting an RFP with the budget allotted. Kathy said there are people with Portland Parks and Recs Land Eco Trust in Bridgton could give advice but not do the work.

Executive Session. I move the Selectboard into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters.

Jim Dolloff moved to enter executive session at 7:05pm. Robert Flint seconded motion. The selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

Jim Dolloff moved the Select Board out of executive session at 8:15pm. Robert Flint seconded the motion. The selectmen voted 3-0 in favor. No decision was made.

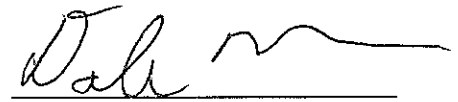
Adjournment:

Jim Dolloff moved to adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 08:16pm Dale Miner seconded the motion. The selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim Dolloff

Robert Flint



Dale Miner