



**Town of Baldwin, Maine**  
**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, May 30th, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**



**Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website [www.baldwinmaine.org](http://www.baldwinmaine.org).**  
**Attendance:** Selectmen: Jim Dolloff, Robert Flint, and Dwight Warren, as well as members of the Public.

1. **Dwight Warren called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:35PM upon conclusion of the Special Town Meeting.**
2. **Review/ Approve minutes.**  
Robert Flint moved to accept and approve May 16th, 2023, minutes as written. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. The selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.
3. **Review/ Approve warrant.**  
Robert Flint moved to accept and approve the May 30th, 2023, warrant. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion, no discussion. The selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.
4. **Fuel Bids:** Fuel BIDs were opened by the Selectmen. CN Brown presented a bid for #2 fuel, 9500 gallons at fixed price 2.969 and a second bid for diesel oil, 7000 gallons at fixed price 3.019. Robert Flint moved to approve CN Brown's bids; Jim Dolloff seconded. The selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.
5. **Cumberland County Regional Assessing- Assessor Resignation:** Assessor, Ben Thompson is resigning as the Director of Cumberland County Regional Assessing effective June 20, 2023. Administrative Assistant, Robyn Anderson noted that Ben advised Assistant Assessor, Rob Sutherland would be filling in on interim basis until a replacement Director of Assessing is hired.
6. **Cumberland County Regional Assessing- Supplemental:** The Select Board reviewed and signed a tree growth penalty provided by Cumberland County Regional Assessing.
7. **Channel 8 Tower Work Update:** By agreement of the Select Board, Fire Chief, Steve Sanders will sign a letter for completion of engineering study, which will cost approximately \$1500.00. The letter states that equipment will be taken off the tower and not added to it, and in terms of structural engineering nothing needs to be done. Jeff Hartford has provided an approximate estimate of \$57,000.00 for coaxial cable which is to be covered by previously allocated ARPA funds. Once the letter is signed work will begin.
8. **Sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant:** Selectmen signed warrant to post.
9. **Sign Follow Up/Second Notice letter of Redemption for Town Foreclosed Property- Map11 Lot 45:** The Selectmen reviewed and signed letter to be mailed to foreclosed owner of property. The letter details steps necessary to redeem the property back from the Town.
10. **General Assistance Update:** The Opportunity Alliance plans to discontinue general assistance services. Robert Flint sent an email to the MMA and received a reply from a gentleman offering to help the Town by providing general assistance services. The MMA also referenced a general assistance training program. Dwight Warren noted that it would be best to have someone who had general assistance experience.



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- 11. Fire Department Update:** Chief, Steve Sanders noted that the ISO project continues. The department has all training (online or external) automatically reported to the ISO and looks to complete the project by December.  
The department is looking to update gear.  
Kyle Estes to apply to DEP for Permit by Rule to repair hydrant. The plan is to extend the hydrant which was buried in sand from excess water pushing over it.  
Steve is working with Forest Ranger, Matt Bennett to try to resolve concerns connected to a Pequawket Trail property in which brush is being brought to the property from outside areas and then burned. CEO, Don Kent has been in communication with the DEP to address any violations.
- 12. Winter Salt BID Update:** Road Commissioner, Chris Harrington confirmed that the Salt bid from the State had been received and expects a bid from SMPD to follow a few weeks later. Chris said generally the bids differ by a dollar either way from year to year and noted that the State requires the Town purchase seventy-five percent of the amount put in for, and the price is locked in for only one hundred twenty-five percent over what the Town put the bid in for. SMPD requires no contract, no maximum or minimum purchase amounts, therefore offering more flexibility. The State has a June 6<sup>th</sup> deadline to sign the contract. The Select Board advised to wait until the bid from SMPD was received.
- 13. Road Commissioner Update:**  
The road crew is starting work on cold patching roads and ditch work.  
Chris met with the county EMA representative. The county had a 1.3-million-dollar threshold to meet to qualify for aid for storm damage. Baldwin was one of just three Cumberland County towns that submitted funding requests for storm damage assistance, as such, the threshold was not met, and the Town's request was denied. The EMA representative plans to get back with information on possible state funding available to mitigate future damage in areas that are prone to problems. Examples of where funds could be applied are, installation of larger culverts and ditching. Infrastructure and fire protection grants may also be an option for hydrant repair. Chris confirmed the December storm damage to be approximately \$76,000.00. A definitive cost for recent storm damage is not yet available.  
The 2009 International truck is back in service.

The Select Board Planning Board Chair, Jo Pierce discussed working implementing a mass gathering ordinance.

CEO, Don Kent reported that he has been working with the DEP on the Pigeon Brook Road Property. Don plans to work on providing the DEP information and documentation as requested.

**Reminders:** Baldwin Community Auxiliary yard sale to be held this weekend. Starting Friday- Sunday noon.

Meet the Candidates Night at Brown Memorial Library - 6/5/23 at 7:00pm

**Public Question and Comment:**




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**Adjournment:** Robert Flint moved to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:20 pm. Jim Dolloff seconded motion. The selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jim Dolloff

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Dwight Warren

  
Robert Flint