



Town of Baldwin, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2023 6:00 P.M.



Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website 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 6:00PM.**
2. **Review/ Approve minutes**
Robert Flint moved to accept and approve January 24th, 2023, minutes as written. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.
3. **Review/ Approve warrant**
Robert Flint moved to accept and approve the February 7, 2023, warrant. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion, no discussion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.
4. **Cumberland County Regional Assessing- Abatements:** The Select Board reviewed and signed three Abatements for Cumberland County Regional Assessing.
5. **Request for TIF Application Extension:** Robert Flint reported that normally the TIF application must be in by the end of February, but there is a provision which allows a request for extension by the end of March. The Select Board signed the request for extension letter.
6. **Power Failure- Heating System Damage:** Robert Flint noted that during extreme cold temperatures Friday night into Saturday there was a power outage which lasted approximately three hours. Heating unit coils froze and split in the Meeting Room, Planning Board Office, Town Clerk's Office, and Fire Department's Office. Mechanical Services responded over the weekend and will return with materials to try to patch the coils. Otherwise, there is a several month lead time for parts. Office doors are being kept open to allow heat from the hallway units and Select Board's office, bathrooms, and space heaters to circulate. Having doors open may pose a potential security risk, therefore, Community Center functions outside of the BAK program and Clerk's office have been halted, causing some disruption.
7. **Security Camera System Failure:** Administrative Assistant, Robyn Anderson reported that last week the security cameras DVR failed. Security 101 came and temporarily replaced the DVR with a loaner. An estimate for a new replacement will be forwarded. The DVR failure was thought to be secondary to recent repeat power outages. Robert Flint noted that he, with Bruce Crawford's assistance, identified the copper lines needed for GWI to make the landline telephone connections for the BAK program and Fire Department. The lines are to be used as emergency back up when times of power outage.



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8. **79 Pigeon Brook Rd.:** Robert Flint said he had spoken and corresponded through email with Town Attorney, David Lourie regarding the Town taking the property owner of 79 Pigeon Brook Road to court for violation of the Disorderly House Ordinance. The property is bank owned. Attorney Lourie agreed.

9. **Fire Chief Update:** Fire Chief, Bruce Crawford reported that with the Road Commissioner's assistance the last bit of paperwork needed was forwarded to EMA. He continues to work on ISO requirements and training. Bruce addressed the Select Board about moving forward with the generator set up, noting that the Community Center could have been utilized as a warming hut during the recent power outage and extreme cold had the generator been in place. Jim Dolloff said that we need to figure out what needs to be done to get it up and running. Bruce estimated the electrical work and piping would be a significant expense and funds should be appropriated at Town Meeting.

10. **Road Commissioner Update:** Road Commissioner, Chris Harrington inquired as to when the budget meeting would be. He noted that the road crew was working to set back snowbanks and truck maintenance, and confirms salt and sand to date, are in good supply. He is hoping to the 2021 truck to Portland North next week, provided it's not needed for plowing. Dwight Warren asked about fuel status. Chris noted that Scott from CN Brown communicates well through text verifying how much and when fuel is needed.

Reminders: Robyn Anderson noted that the Boston Post Cane presentation is to be Thursday, February 9th, 2023, at 2:00pm. Robyn obtained personal history information from Sandra Locke-Jackson, the daughter of Pauline DeLong, the recipient of the Boston Post Cane. Thirty to forty people are expected to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Public Question and Comment: Kathy Pierce reported that the library programs are going well. Mary Cobb's class had good turnout with both adults and children. Kathy asked the Select Board to consider Norma Haines for the Spirit of America Award, or somehow acknowledge her for all that she has contributed to the Town.



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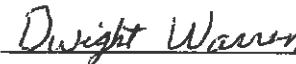



Executive Session. I move the Selectboard go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. Dwight Warren moved the Select Board into executive session at 6:30PM. Selectmen exited executive session at 6:45PM. The Select Board then resumed the Select Board meeting and voted 3-0 to transition CEO, Don Kent from a probationary employment period to a permanent position with \$2.00/hour pay raise.

Adjournment: Dwight Warren moved to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:50pm. Jim Dolloff seconded motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim Dolloff


Dwight Warren


Robert Flint