

## Town of Baldwin, Maine SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 01 ST, 2022 6:00 P.M.



Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website www.baldwinmaine.org. Attendance: Selectmen: Jim Dolloff, and Dwight Warren, Robert Flint, 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 October 18th, 2022, minutes as written. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion, no discussion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.

- 3. Review/ Approve warrant
  - Robert Flint moved to accept and approve November 01<sup>st</sup>, 2022, warrant. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion, no discussion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.
- 4. Scholarships for Baldwin Students (WMTW Scholarship & The Baldwin School Fund: Robert Flint reported that there are eight applicants for both the WMTW Scholarship and the Baldwin School Fund. The Selectmen collectively agreed to review the individual applications with associated documents the next time they meet.
- 5. <u>Baldwin Community Center Building Repair:</u> Robert Flint noted that to date the Town has not had a response to the advertised bid for Community Center roof repair. There is one area in the front of the building where water builds up and leaks into the building as well an area on the back of the building where the roof also has been leaking resulting in rotting of a large area of facia, roofing material and ends roof joists. Bob said it is a low sloped roof which is not ideal. He has been working on a temporary fix to get through the winter. Dwight Warren confirmed that buildings in Maine's climate shouldn't have roof pitches less than five inches.
- 6. Baldwin Community Center- Sewer/Drainage Issues: Dwight Warren noted that the septic had backed up in the old Town Office bathroom and questioned having the septic tanks pumped. Robert Flint noted he thought that tree roots were growing in the pipes as he has cleared roots from the drain in the mechanical room a few times. Sink drains in the Selectmen's office and conference room backed up with what appeared to be vegetative material which is all in the same drain system. Dwight noted that the tanks hadn't been pumped in six years since the Town acquired the building. He pointed out that there are two separate systems, one on each end of the Community Center. Jim suggested first having the tanks pumped and it that did not alleviate the problem then to have the rotor rooter come to clear the pipes. The Selectmen agreed to have the main septic tank pumped.
- 7. Cram Road Pole Relocation: Robert Flint noted that there will be a meeting with Central Maine Power at the telephone pole to be relocated on November 28th, 2022 at 9:00am. The meeting is to review the technical aspects of what needs to be done, as the intersection of roads in that location may necessitate placing four separate poles at the road corners to compensate for eliminating the single pole in the middle of the intersection.



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- 8. ARPA Funding- Channel 8 Tower Radio & Component Relocation: Bruce Crawford reported that the relocation project is currently estimated to be approximately \$50,000.00 which includes running the cables, power work and fittings. It does not include any work inside the control house below. Robert Flint noted that \$30,000 had been previously allocated for the project from ARPA Funds. Additional ARPA funds remain and can be allocated by Special Town Meeting.
- Special Town Meeting Date For Disorderly House Ordinance and Personnel Ordinance: The Select Board collectively agreed to hold the Special Town Meeting November 29, 2022.
- 10. <u>Tax Assessor's Return:</u> The Select Board reviewed and signed the Tax Assessor's Return for 2022 2023 Tax Assessment.
- 11. <u>Fire Chief, Bruce Crawford:</u> Chief Crawford presented the Select Board with Fire Department call reports detailing the percentage of calls being responded to by individual firefighters. He also is working on drafting position descriptions for firefighters, expressing the need have the job descriptions apply to current conditions as well as the Fire Department's needs and requirements for the foreseeable future.
- 12. <u>Sand Pond Beach Patrol, Chad Nason:</u> Chad confirmed that the picnic tables at Sand Pond Beach have been moved into the woods. Jim Dolloff suggested storing them behind the Community Center for the winter.
- 13. Road Commissioner, Chris Harrington: Chris reported that Gorham Sand and Gravel completed the salt/sand work. He said the road crew is working on servicing the equipment for winter and will be working on the plow trucks next. The turbo repair on the 550 truck has been completed. Culverts have been ordered and will try to grade roads if weather holds out. New road crew employee, Seth Wescott started work this week. Chris has not heard back from Dayton Sand and Gravel as to whether paving work for Farm and Harris Roads will take place this fall.

Reminders: Baldwin Staff Meeting 11/09/2022 @ 2:00pm

## **Public Question and Comment:**

Connie Warren acknowledged Bob Flint for the repair work that he is doing on the Community Center due to lack of response to Town bid requests. She said that is not part of the Selectmen's duties and is above and beyond the responsibilities of a Selectmen. Connie felt that he should be compensated for any materials that he has used as well as his time. Bob said that so far, he has been using materials left over from home projects.

Adjournment: Jim Dolloff moved to adjourn the scheduled Selectmen meeting at 7:22PM. Robert Flint seconded motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Dolloff

Dwight Warren

Robert Flint