



Town of Baldwin, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 2024, 6:00 P.M.



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

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

1. **Jim Dolloff called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:03pm.**
2. **Review/ Approve minutes.**
Dale Miner moved to accept and approve February 20th, 2024, 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 March 05th, 2024, warrant. Dale Miner seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the warrant.
4. **Sign Foreclosure Letters:** Robert Flint prepared letters to send to tax foreclosed property owners. The letters ask them to come in to talk to the Select Board about their tax situation. Robert Flint moved to sign and mail the letters. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor. The Selectmen signed a quitclaim deed for property redeemed by payment of all delinquent and current taxes.
5. **79 Pigeon Brook Road Status:** Robert Flint noted that he thought the 79 Pigeon Brook Road property is listed as sale pending with a real estate agency. He confirms that there are still a lot of items/junk left on the property. A neighbor said it has been quiet the last couple of months.
6. **Broadband Expansion:** Robert Flint had a conversation facilitated by James Rather from SMPDC with information obtained from Kendra Grindle of the Maine Connectivity Authority. They are working to connect service providers with areas of the state that have no connection and unserved connections to internet service. Kendra explained that there is funding from the federal government that is being managed by the state that is going to be used to encourage internet providers to do the installation of infrastructure. They will be asking various providers to bid on fiberoptic installations. Fidium Fiber is talking to people in Baldwin about putting a drop from poles to homes.
7. **Floodplain Management Ordinance Update and Personnel Policy Ordinance Public Hearings:** Robert Flint stated that he forwarded the existing Floodplain Management Ordinance along with a draft ordinance provided by the state to Planning Board Chair, Jo Pierce for Planning Board consideration. The Town must have an ordinance in place for a homeowner to buy insurance from the national program. The ordinance addresses what the Town's responsibilities are in terms of managing construction in a flood plain. An ordinance could limit construction in a flood plain or cut down on property damage by requiring building to a certain standard. Robert Flint recommends the Planning Board work on an ordinance and put it in front of the Town's people to vote on.

A public hearing for the amended Personnel Policy was scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2023 at 6:00pm prior to the regularly scheduled Select Board Workshop.



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8. **Importance of Audit Reports in Annual Budgeting, Budget Review Wednesday:** Robert Flint noted that it is difficult to work on the draft budget without the audit report or preliminary audit report. He suggested, going forward, thinking about moving Town Meeting closer to the end of the calendar year.
9. **Welcome to Baldwin Signs:** Baldwin resident, Ken Strout Jr., offered to build new signs to replace the ones which were vandalized. The Selectmen agreed to have him build one. Robert Flint will contact him.
10. **Road Commissioner, Chris Harrington:** Trucks serviced. The new plow truck is nearing completion.
11. **CEO, Don Kent:** Don noted that T.W. Tree Service plans to construct a fire pond on the Pequawket Trail property and may donate benches and picnic tables to the Town for the walking paths.

Reminders: Senior Lunch- tomorrow 2/21/24 @ noon and budget meeting at 3:00pm

Public Question and Comment: Kathy Pierce advises having candidates' night before Town Meeting.

Executive Session. I move the Selectboard go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405

(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters.

Jim Dolloff moved the Select Board into executive session at 7:00pm. Robert Flint seconded the motion. The Select Board is all in favor.


Robert Flint moved the Select Board out of executive session at 8:25pm. Dale Miner seconded the motion. The Select Board is all in favor.

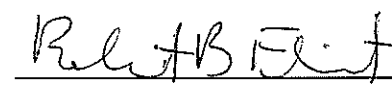
The Select Board met with Don Kent, CEO and Don Sharp, CEO applicant.

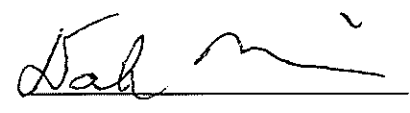
No decision was made.

Adjournment: Jim Dolloff motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm. Dale Miner seconded. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim Dolloff


Robert Flint


Dale Miner