

## Town of Baldwin, Maine SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 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 6:01PM.

## 2. Review/ Approve minutes

James Dolloff moved to accept and approve January 10th, 2022, minutes as written. Dwight Warren seconded the motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.

3. Review/ Approve warrant

Robert Flint moved to accept and approve the January 24th, 2023, warrant. Dwight Warren seconded the motion, no discussion. Selectmen voted 2-0 to approve the warrant.

- 4. <u>Vote on Equitable Division of Custodial Expenses Between Town Office & BAK Program:</u>
  Dwight Warren noted that this had been discussed at the last meeting. Robert Flint moved to split expenses 50-50 between the Town Offices and the BAK Program. Jim Dolloff seconded motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.
- 5. Vote on Providing Cell Phones for Certain Departments: Administrative Assistant, Robyn Anderson reiterated from prior meeting discussion that four cell phones were to be designated for the CEO, BAK Director, Road Commissioner and Fire Chief. Robert Flint moved in favor of providing the cell phones for Town use only. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor. Jim Dolloff noted that they are inexpensive phones. Dwight estimated monthly cost for the phones combined to be approximately \$160.00/month.
- 6. <u>Sign SOW for River Road Culvert Replacement:</u> Robert Flint drafted a scope of work and Request for Proposal letter to be posted/advertised on the MMA website, sent to Calderwood Engineering, who has provided a previous proposal on a different project, and Sebago Technics. The idea is to get the design done and then apply for State funding. The State has annual funding for stream crossing. Bob said Maine Stream Habitat Viewer pictures shows prior damage.
- 7. GWI Follow Up- Electrical Work for Analog Telephone/Land Line: Robyn Anderson reported that she spoke with the GWI representative regarding steps needed to obtain an analog/landline. Recent fire alarm work changed phone lines from analog lines to a cellular line, therefore freeing up an existing landline that could be used. GWI could direct an electrician to where the lines are on the punch box, but would not run the electrical lines for us. The phone lines are still present. Bob Flint and Bruce Crawford will work on tracing out the lines.
- 8. 19 Dearborn Road- Town Attorney Follow up on Eviction Process: Robert Flint noted that the Town Attorney, David Lourie and the Pine Tree legal attorney have communicated through email. To date, Bob said that he had not heard anything back.



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- 9. Select Board Meetings and Select Board Workshops: Robert Flint noted Deputy Clerk, Sara Chase pointed out that the Shopping Guide reflects outdated information. The weekly business ad still reflects Cumberland County Regional Assessing as having office hours at the Town Office. Robert noted that the ad publicizes both Select Board meetings and Select Board Workshops. He said the question is whether to drop the distinction between Select Board Workshops and Select Board Meetings. If meetings are held weekly, then notes would need to be taken. Discussion was had as to whether it was appropriate to make decisions and vote during workshops. Dwight Warren said MMA advised that it was acceptable, as meetings are advertised. He noted that some decisions are time sensitive or urgent should not wait. The Selectmen chose to continue with Select Board Meetings and Workshops as it has been. In instances where an emergency vote is needed than voting will be done, and the meeting will be formally recorded.
- 10. <u>Local Option Election:</u> Robert Flint reported that the upcoming election has so far attracted little attention. Only one person showed up to the recent public hearing, and absentee ballots have not been requested. Election specifics are noted on the sign out in front of the Baldwin Community Center, posted as required at certain locations, in the Shopping Guide, on the Town website, and Facebook.
- 11. Road Commissioner Update: Road Commissioner, Chris Harrington reported that three trucks broke down during the recent snow storm. He received salt today from Portsmouth. The road crew is having significant difficulties with maintaining Winston Road. The road is not freezing, therefore ruts are a problem. Property owners are parking in the turnaround, and he can't have plow trucks backing down the hill.
- 12. <u>Fire Chief Update:</u> Fire Chief, Bruce Crawford noted that he is continuing work on ISO paperwork. Fire extinguisher evaluations will be taking place on 2/20/23.

Reminders:

**Public Question and Comment:** 



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<u>Adjournment:</u> Dwight Warren moved to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:36pm and move to executive session. Jim Dolloff seconded motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Executive Session. I move the Selectboard go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(C) Acquisition of real property or economic development.

Glenvale Solar Project TIF discussion with Glenvale and Select Board.

Selectmen went into executive session at 6:40PM. Robert Flint moved to came exit executive

session at 7:00PM. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. No decision was made.

Respectfully submitted.

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**Dwight Warren** 

Robert Flint

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