



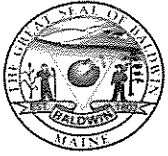
Town of Baldwin, Maine  
**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 2023, 6:00 P.M.



**Note:** This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website [www.baldwinmaine.org](http://www.baldwinmaine.org).

**Attendance:** Selectmen: Jim Dolloff, Dale Miner, Robert Flint (arrived later to the meeting) as well as members of the Public.

1. **Jim Dolloff called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:05PM.**
  
2. **Review/ Approve minutes.**  
Dale Miner moved to accept and approve August 08th, 2023, minutes as written. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. The selectmen voted 2-0 to accept the minutes.
  
3. **Review/ Approve warrant.**  
Dale Miner moved to accept and approve the August 8th, 2023, warrant. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion, no discussion. The selectmen voted 2-0 to approve the warrant.
  
4. **Cumberland County Regional Assessing- Abatement:** The Selectmen reviewed and signed the Abatement presented from Cumberland County Regional Assessing.
  
5. **Cumberland County Regional Assessing- Tree Growth Supplemental:** The Selectmen reviewed and signed the Tree Growth Supplemental provided by Cumberland County Regional Assessing.
  
6. **PY Estes- Paving of Pit Entrance on Anderson Road:** Kyle Estes proposed paving to gate as well as an apron up Anderson Road to help mitigate mud tracking onto Route 113. The Selectmen agreed to the paving.
  
7. **West Baldwin Volunteer Fire Company (WBVFC) Lease:** The Select Board reviewed the lease from the West Baldwin Volunteer Fire Company to the Town of Baldwin for the West Baldwin Fire building.  
Fire Chief, Steve Sanders said the MMA wants the agreement for the building used for the fire department in order to put it in an ordinance. The WBVFC were asked to do due diligence legally to organize their deed so that they could provide a legal lease, as they had a general deed from over one hundred years ago and needed to look to see if there are relatives of the person that provided the original lease. Chief Sander's noted that the WBVFC communicated that the lawyer said the deed was good and provided the lease. Steve questioned continued responsibility once the department is done using the building and it is no longer needed, although did not feel it was an overall concern as the lease was generally written. Once the lease is accepted, the Fire Department can become a municipal department.  
The Selectmen signed the lease. Steve Sanders confirmed the lease rent would be paid out of the fire department's operating budget.  
Chief, Steve Sanders said that an area next to the Town Office has been staked out and looked at by the CEO as a potential spot for a central fire department. He aims to continue discussion and hopefully make a financial plan for it. Recent conversation was had with Standish Chief, Rob Caron



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about fire department business and future building of a Baldwin central station with potential of housing a rescue unit and sharing some of their live-in students which would provide certified fire personal in town. Consolidating the truck fleet to a central station would reduce maintenance costs. Separating living quarters from fire building would avoid the extra expense of infrastructure required to live in the same structure where fire trucks are stored. There are a lot of rules and regulations associated with that. The Town of Hollis has a double wide trailer twenty-five feet away. As an official municipal fire department, the Town would have access to grants and congressional spending to build a central building. Money will be saved in the long run by not having to take care of three separate buildings.

8. **WMTW Channel 8 Scholarship:** The Select Board tabled for further discussion at a later date.
  
9. **Appeals Board- 73 Sand Pond Road Property:** Administrative Assistant, Robyn Anderson to call Appeals Board Chair, Gary McNeil to inform of Appeal Request received from the attorney representing the property owners of 73 Sand Pond Road. Robyn will contact the attorney to request copies of the information packets for all Appeals Board members.
  
10. **Discuss/Review Proposed Cumberland County General Assistance Contract:** Robert Flint reviewed General Assistance hours of commitment options with Jim Gailey Cumberland County Manager. Some Towns contract for one hour a week or four hours a month in person at town offices. One hour is the minimum, generally meaning the GA administrator is on-call and then paid by the hour. Towns that don't have a lot of cases have opted for the minimum contract amount one hour per week anything over that amount is charged at \$65 hr. Robert Flint noted that per Town records, there were several cases. Prior General Assistance administrator, Katie said didn't have much last year. Jim Gailey confirmed that they plan to use Barry Jordan as their back-up The Selectmen agreed to one hour per week/\$3600 contract.
  
11. **Road Commissioner Update:** Road Commissioner, Chris Harrington reports that the road crew continues to work on ditching and replacing culverts to mitigate water issues. Chris plans to contact another mechanic about getting 2009 repaired. Robert Flint asked about paving. Chris Plans to put bid out to overlay Brown Road. Jim Flint asked about repairing Marston Rd. Chris said the road is still closed and work would have to be contracted out. The plan is to fill a giant hole in the bridge confirming that It will not necessarily make it passable, but will try to make it less dangerous for jeeps and ATVs that try to go over it. The quote received and submitted to FEMA was \$60000.00 to repair.  
Planning Board Chair, Jo Pierce said the planning board assumed there would be two exits for the campground and is concerned about safety concerns such as an evacuation in instance of fire.

**Reminders:** Planning Board meeting Thursday, August 24th at 7:00pm  
Comprehensive Planning Meeting, Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am



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**Public Question and Comment:** Kathy Pierce thanked the road crew for trimming trees along the road near the monument. People can now park there and not on the lawn. Kathy said the road crew will also be taking care of the cemetery behind the library. Sand is needed to help support the stones; Chris will provide some from the town garage. Kathy heard that Spectrum and Consolidated Communications has funding and is trying to assist people in Sebago and north Baldwin to get connected by running wires. Bob said other towns in the community have had conversations with Spectrum. Baldwin didn't get information and missed the meeting. Bob will contact the other towns. Baldwin has survey information obtained a couple years ago which demonstrates areas that are underserved. Drainage is working, water in bottom of elevator shaft is getting better.


**CEO, Don Kent:** Don reports that there is one growth permit left.

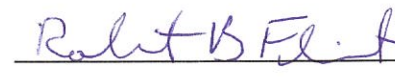
**Sand Pond Beach:** The Select Board agreed to Discontinue beach patrol after Labor Day weekend.

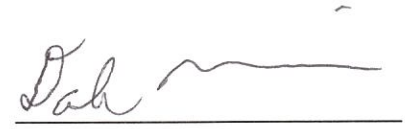
**Adjournment:**

Robert Flint moved to adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 6:55pm Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. The selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jim Dolloff

  
Robert Flint

  
Dale Miner