



**Town of Baldwin, Maine**  
**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, June 13th, 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, Robert Flint, and Dale Miner, as well as members of the Public.

1. **Jim Dolloff called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:02PM.**
2. **Review/ Approve minutes.**  
Robert Flint moved to accept and approve May 30th, 2023, minutes as written. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. The selectmen voted 2-0 to accept the minutes.
3. **Review/ Approve warrant.**  
Robert Flint moved to accept and approve the June 13th, 2023, warrant. Dale Miner seconded the motion, no discussion. The selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.
4. **Tax Acquired property Redemption- Map12 Lot3 (1197 Peguawket Trail):** Robert Flint confirmed that he inspected the property, and it was cleaned up. He moved to sign the quitclaim deed redeeming the property back to the heirs of Karen Fortin, Brian, and Melissa Buzzell. Dale Miner seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.
5. **Cumberland County Regional Assessing- Discuss Tax Commitment Overlay for FY 2023-2024:** The Select Board reviewed overlay range amounts suggested by assessing. Robert Flint moved to go with a \$30,000 overlay to cover tax abatements. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.
6. **Fire Department Update:** Fire Chief, Steve Sanders updated the WMTW Channel 8 tower status. Cumberland County Dispatch has been paid for a backup system while work is done. The engineering letter has been paid. The letter is to be released next week, after which work will commence. Including Wireless, the construction company doing the work on top of the tower, and Jeff Hartford's work done at the bottom of the tower the total cost will be within the \$60,000 APRA funds appropriation. Chief Sanders presented a draft ordinance for the Select Board's review. The goal is to make the department an official municipal department. Traditionally the Town has had three fire stations: all separate volunteer fire companies. Chief Sanders said around 2011 all the fire department employees became town employees. That is standard of a municipal fire department not a volunteer fire department. The idea is to combine all three volunteer fire departments and establish an ordinance which would make an official municipal fire department. He noted that this keeps funding coming from the federal government and out of tax dollars. With an ordinance, job descriptions are needed for Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. These positions are recommended by the fire department membership appointed by the Selectmen, they are not elected officials. Chief Sanders confirmed that North Baldwin and East Baldwin Fire Departments have lease agreements with the Town. West Baldwin is working with an independent legal counsel to rectify current deeds and work toward providing a lease, or the other option is to take their building, as taxpayers' money has been funding it for the last fifteen years. Chief Sanders said he felt that their goal was to work towards having a lease and asked if a timeline should be set. The Selectmen requested Chief Sanders draft a letter requesting information wanted and anticipated timeline. The letter would be addressed to the Selectmen and then provided to the West Baldwin Fire Company.



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7. **LD 1706:** Robert Flint reported that legislature (LD 1702) was passed that would defer the implementation of LD 2003 until July 2024. The Governor has thirty days to sign the bill. Planning Board Chair, Jo Pierce, said he like to take more time in amending the land use ordinance if LD 2003 were not in effect. The Selectmen agreed that they would like to see the implementation of the extended.
  
8. **Road Commissioner Update:** Road Commissioner, Chris Harrington asked about trash pick up for Sand Pond and Town Garage. Administrative Assistant, Robyn Anderson confirmed that Sand Pond pick up was in place, but Pine State said they would get back with a quote for the garage. Dayton Sand and gravel has done grinding on Wiggin and Farm Rd. Paving next week- weather permitting. Chris said he has a candidate for mowing cemeteries. He asked whether to pull money out of emergency fund to cover overdraft for storm damage to roads or overdraft and cover at next town meeting? Chris would like to take money from the Town Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a plate compactor and is talking to vendors about a hot box to do hot patch.
  
9. **Poverty Abatement Request:** Bob Flint said an interview needed to be scheduled to meet with an applicant to review a poverty abatement request.
  
10. **Interim General Assistance Coordinator:** Robert Flint reported that Cumberland County is looking to establish a county wide General Assistance Program that could be considered for the Town once established. Baldwin will need to have an interim general assistance coordinator in place by the end of June.

**Reminders:** Public Hearing on Land Use Ordinance June 17<sup>th</sup> @4:30pm  
Special Town Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm  
Tri-Town Meeting Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Baldwin Community Auxiliary Yard Sale planned for August 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Question and Comment:**

Deb Flint of the Grateful Undead and the SRFA thanked the Town for funding and brought a poster listing upcoming summer concerts. The group supports art and music in the Sacopee area, sending kids to music camp and donating instruments. The band is looking for instruments.

Beach Attendant, Chad Nason stated that there are no beach rule signs at the beach. Jim Dolloff recommended that he speak with Ben McKenney.




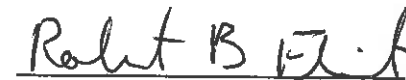
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**Adjournment:** Jim Dolloff moved to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:07 pm. Robert Flint seconded motion. The selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jim Dolloff

  
Robert Flint

  
Dale Miner