

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the March 19th, 2024
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore
Laurie Landry
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Louie Batista Travis Warren
Liz Caruso Hans Rasmussen
Loretta Gerald

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.

The summary of the March 5th, 2024, meeting minutes were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tax Foreclosure

a. Map 9 Lot 15 (Land Only) Belomizi

The Belomizi's did not attend the meeting or contact the office. The AA will inform them that the town will be continuing with the foreclosure and putting the property out to bid.

b. Map 10 Lot 10-3 (Land Only) Turner

The taxes owed for this property were paid in full.

c. Map 19 Lot 15B (Land & Building) Collins

Loretta Gerald was present to discuss the foreclosure for property known as Map 19 Lot 15B. Ghe Grip was on the phone to be included in the discussion. \$1,844.43 for the 2021 taxes along with \$500.00 will be paid to the tax collector on Wednesday March 20th. An agreement between Ghe Grip and the Town will be written up specifying that Mr. Grip agrees to pay at least \$300.00 a month starting in May 2024 until the full amount owed is paid in full.

2. Roof Estimates

The board received two estimates for replacing the municipal buildings roof. Maine Roofing Solutions for \$93,750 for shingles and \$118,000 for metal. Kennebec Roofing submitted a proposal for \$104,000 for metal.

The board will decide at the next meeting when and how the monies will be raised for the roof replacement.

3. Waste Management

a. Tire Price Increase Info

In the Town's current agreement with Waste Management it states that each year the price for tires will increase 5%.

b. February 2023 & 2024 Comparisons

The board reviewed the comparisons for the back gate for the month of February for 2023 & 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Thank You Letter-Smithfield Citizens Award

Sharon Wood, recipient of the Leap Year Community Citizens Award, sent a thank you letter for the AA to share with all involved.

2. Municipal Officials Appointments

Justin Furbush motioned to appoint the following:

Code Officer and Plumbing Inspector -1-year terms

Hans Rasmussen

Animal Control Officer-1 year term

Dexter Bridges

Fire Chief-1 year term

Louie Batista

Deputy Fire Chief-1 year term

Jeremy Norton

Appeals Board-5-year term

Melvin Croft

Budget Committee-5-year term

Hans Rasmussen

Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Insurance Claim Roof & Ceiling Damages

The AA has submitted an insurance claim for water damages due to current shingles to the town's insurance company and is still waiting to hear.

4. Town Dirt Roads

The Road Commissioner, Travis Warren, reported that all of the dirt roads in town have been graded.

5. Fire Department

Louie Batista, Chief, informed the board that the new rescue vehicle has been order and is expected to be ready by May or June.

6. Somerset Economic Development Corporation-Liz Caruso

Liz Caruso, Broadband Director from Somerset Economic Development Corporation, gave a presentation on digital programs that help with internet access, affordable devices, and digital skills.

7. Somerset Public Health-April 16th Info on Programs

A representative from Somerset Public Health will be at the April 16th board meeting to give a presentation on some of the current programs.

8. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #4-24

Justin Furbush motioned to Adjourn and Sign Warrant #4-24. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.