

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the May 7th, 2024
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore
Laurie Landry
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Nick Martin Tim Covert Jonathan Moody
Chelsay? Carol & Linwood Locke
Bruce Winegardner Hans Rasmussen Jeremy Norton
Richie Bowles Michelle Taylor Meredyth Tuttle
Michael & Lynn Martin Forest Noke
Julie Stevens-Giroux

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

The summary of the April 16th, 2024, meeting minutes were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Foreclosure Updates-May 21st Meeting

A. Map 9 Lot 15-Belomizi

B. Map 19 Lot 15-B Payment Agreement

2. Sand Hill Lot for Sale-May 21st Meeting

3. FY 2023-24 Audit Auditor Responses to Questions

The board reviewed the answers to auditing questions that were sent to the town's auditor. The board, AA, & Tax Collector all feel satisfied with the responses and a few clerical errors fixed. Justin Furbush motioned to sign the engagement letter for the FY 2023-24 Audit. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. 160 North Shore Drive Driveway Damage

Carol & Lindwood Locke where at the meeting to continue the discussion about damage that was done to the end of their driveway at 160 North Shore Dr. The damage happened during the winter of 2023-24 by the prior town plowing contractor. After several different discussion at several meetings over the past year, the board informed the Locke's that due to the end of the driveway being within the town's road right of way and that portion was raised up higher than the town road, there is no way the town can fix the issue of the pavement getting torn up when plowing is occurring.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. OSHA Compliance Amendments-Lynn Martin

Lynn Martin, Fire Service Compliance Associates, currently is hired annually to help our fire department with keeping up with OSHA compliance requirements. Lynn has brought information regarding OSHA updated emergency response standards. The board reviewed Lynns summarized version of what the proposed changes will be. Lynn also verbally spoke about the changes to the board.

2. MSAD/RSU #54

a. Superintendent

Jonathan Moody, MSAD #54 Superintendent, reviewed the budget proposal for the schools fiscal year 2024-25. A copy of the proposals is available.

b. School Warrant Signatures

Meredyth Tuttle, Registrar, had the school budget warrant postings that needed to be signed by the board. Justin Furbush motioned to sign the warrants. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. June 11th Referendum Public Hearing

Rick Moore opened the public hearing for the Municipal Referendum Ballot Question for the June 11th, 2024 election. A few questions were asked by the public attending and answered. Rick Moore closed the public hearing.

4. Steven Liberty-Challenging Fees on Taxes

Mr. Liberty, property owner, did not show up for the meeting he requested to be at to talk with the board about fees that were applied to his late 2023-24 tax bill for account #804.

5. RJD Revaluation Proposal

The board reviewed the revaluation proposal from RJD for April 1, 2027. Justin Furbush motioned to accept the proposal. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. RJD Assessing Agent Contract

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Assessing Agent Contract for 2024-25 for \$655.00 per day per agent. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Tri-town Cal Ripken Agreement

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Tri-Town Cal Ripken agreement with Norridgewock and Mercer. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Delta Ambulance 3rd Quarter Report & EMS Contract

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Delta Ambulance contract for 2024-25 for the amount of \$23,125.00. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. Skowhegan Savings Bank CD Info

The Treasurer received a letter from Skowhegan Savings Bank with information on the #200,000.00 CD that the board started. The CD will mature in May 2024, and it can be taken out or left in for another 5 months to earn more interest. The board agreed to let the money stay in the CD and look at it in November 2024.

10. Building Use Agreement

Cindy Giroux requested to use the Municipal Building on a Saturday for her Sewing Workshop. The AA wanted to know if she could be given a code and a temporary key to be able to use the building on a Saturday. Justin Furbush motioned to allow the building to be used by Cindy on a Saturday and have the AA monitor the process. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. Election Clerk Appointments

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Election Clerk appointments; a list of residents that are being appointed is available. Justin read aloud the names. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

12. Request for Slow Down Sign-Camp Somerset

Josh Hahn, owner of Camp Somerset requested two Slow Down signs to be installed along the East Pond Rd abutting the camp entrances. The AA priced the signs at \$126.50 each. Justin Furbush motioned to purchase the signs. The board discussed trying it once but if the signs were stolen or damaged they wouldn't be replaced. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

13. Spirit of America Letter

The AA gave the board a letter from Bruce Flaherty about the annual Spirit of America award through the Somerset County Commissioners Office.

14. Adjourn and Sign Warrants #6-24 & #7-24

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn, and sign Warrants #6-24 & #7-24. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.