TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2023 - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Present: Larry Hebert, Clayton Woodworth, Scott McCarthy, Chris Peloquin, Chris Wade (Remote)

Town Manager, Jackie Higgins

Call to Order: Larry called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Set the Agenda: Agenda additions Warrant SB22069, SB22073. As well as meeting minutes from 11/6/2023. The items under New Business also moved to Old Business. Chris P. made the motion to approve agenda additions, Clayton seconded. So moved.

Review of Open Public Comments

Selectboard Announcements: n/a

Public Announcements: Rama Schneider spoke of his displeasure of the Selectboard during the Informational Meeting.

Commissions/Committees/Trustees/Other Board Announcements: Williamstown Recreation Board will be hosting a Christmas Tree Lighting on December 2nd at the WRB Pavilion at Hoty-Seaver Field.

Warrants: Scott made the motion to approve warrants SB22069, SB22070, SB22071, SB22072, & SB22073. Chris P. seconded.

Payroll: Chris P. made the motion to approve payroll warrants 10/22/2023 & 11/05/2023. Clayton seconded the motion.

Minutes: Chris P. made the motion to approve Selectboard Minutes from 10/09/2023, 10/30/2023 and 11/06/2023. Clayton seconded the motion.

Old Business:

Clark Road Reclassification: Discussion had regarding the 50 foot Right of Way Deeded to the Town. Request of additional 100 feet of road to be reclassified. After lengthy discussion, Chris W. made a motion to have a public hearing and site visit for the reclassification of Clark Road. Clayton seconded. Chris P. abstained. So moved.

Mini Excavator: David Wilder spoke about the trade of the backhoe and purchase a mini-excavator. Chris P. stated that a mini-excavator was a good idea, but not at this time.

Hoyt-Seaver Field: Chris P. questioned the fence and FEMA replacing what was pre-existing. Jackie stated that the fence was covered and was necessary to prevent vehicles and such from tearing up the field. Chris P. requested a copy of the estimate for the fencing for the field.

Around the Table

Executive Session: 15 Minute recess taken at 8:35pm. Entered Executive Session at 8:50pm, excited at 09:45. Clayton made the motion to approve the pay increase for the Road Cre to \$26.00 per hour. Road Foreman to \$28.00 per hour and \$1.00 across the board for all other employees, for fiscal year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. Chris P. seconded. Chris W. recused himself from the vote. So moved.

Adjourn: Chris W. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 09:55, Chris P. seconded. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Keys

Scott McCarthy

Chris Wade

Clayton Woodworth

Chris Peloquin

Larry Hebert