

Garland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025, at 5:30pm
108 Corinth Rd

1. Opening Ceremonies

- a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 5:39pm
- b. R. Fick, N. Watson and T. Scott attended the meeting for a quorum of the board. L. Keefe, Office Administrator attending.
- c. R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.

2. Public Comment:

R. Fick motioned to open public comment at 5:40pm. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote aye.

Public Attending: S. Kimball, E. Fick, Y. Burrill, P. Devine, K. Keefe, J. Tierinni, L. Dumont, S. Berryhill, S. Giles, B. Scott

E. Fick stated that the stipend for the cemetery/town property maintenance should be reconsidered.

P. Devine said the Planning Board will meet on 1/14 and will address the Mobile Vending and the Recreational Vehicle Use proposed ordinances for a final review and edits. This will be brought back to the Select Board's 1/22/25 meeting.

R. Fick motioned to close to public comment at 5:48pm. Second by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson vote Aye.

3. Consent Agenda:

R. Fick motioned to accept the one consent agenda item (Phillip Maine Article). Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.

Mr. McCaw, Penobscot Indian Nation stated he was glad to see towns using the article as a cautionary step before doing work in water habitats.

4. Motions/Discussions:

- a. R. Fick motioned to move approving and signing the December 18, 2024, meeting minutes after the Budget preparation meeting. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.
- b. Daniel McCaw, Penobscot Indian Nation, presented grant opportunities:

His organization has money currently for Road Stream Culverts, Bridges, Dams, Gravel Road Culverts that fall under Atlantic Salmon Preservation. These funds will

pay for engineering design to repair or construct new designs. He has \$75,000 available toward each site. There is no match requirement from the Town.

The 3rd & final round of infrastructure funding. The grant proposal is due in February for project start in mid to late summer. If Garland projects are approved for this funding, money will be available for the construction phase, 100% covered with no match requirement from the Town.

Projects discussed for Garland: Campbell Rd. Burnham Brook culvert, Service Brook Culvert, Center Rd Burnham Brook culvert, Oliver Hill Otis Brook culvert and Millet Bridge.

R. Fick motioned to support Mr. McCaw in applying for the grant for these projects. L. Keefe to draft a letter of support and to supply map locations to Mr. McCaw. Second by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson vote Aye.

- c. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA letter of engagement for the 2024 Audit scheduled for January 21, 2025. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.
- d. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Goodwin Rd May 11, Lot 14 to clear 1962 municipal lien. Second by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson vote Aye.
- e. R. Fick provided an overview of the work needed recently on the 2008 International Workstar: new compressor, hoses. This is a temp fix for oil leak valve cover. Frame only has a few years left, plugging holes in the dump body. It could be a decent spare for a few years if not used for full winter plowing.

Regina, Ken and Steve looked at used trucks at several locations ranging from \$10,000 to \$34,000.

S. Kimball presented an estimate from B&B Paving to reclaim, grade, compact and pave sections of the Oliver Hill Rd and Center Rd. Oliver Hill work is \$295,224.50 and Center Rd work is \$554,255.50.

L. Keefe to request J. Simko to present a bond quote for the work.

- f. L. Keefe reports that Animal Control was paid their December mileage which left the ACO budget overspent \$637.99. Suggest moving this amount from Cemetery Budget. R. Fick motioned to move \$637.99 from the Cemetery budget to the ACO budget to cover the overdraft. Second by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson vote Aye.
- g. R. Fick said that years back, the town had a "blue box program" for recyclables. If they bring them to the transfer station in the blue box, they received one free kitchen bag of trash. Only one resident still participates. L. Keefe will draft a memo to transfer station attendants to allow the free bag if the blue box is brought in .
- h. Highway Department Updates:

* Safety Works came to the garage 1/8, to assess safety. They will provide a written report on the findings with compliance dates. If we need an extension, we can contact them to file for one.

* R. Fick motioned to have no smoking in all vehicle policy. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.

* Should develop a hiring packet for Public Works

* Fit Testing through Work Health? N. Watson said she is certified to do fit testing but needs the hood and other materials.

* Screens and bushings were ordered and delivered. We found a set of grizzly bars – need to determine if they can be repaired.

i. Will revisit after the budget preparation meeting.

j. Budget preparation with the Budget Committee began at 7:11pm.

* L. Keefe states currently, only the ACO budget is over-expensed. However, we are waiting for an invoice from Bolster's for December. If it is more than \$550, we will need to transfer from Highway to Transfer Station to cover the overage.

* Select Board motioned and approved removing the \$28,000 for a town sign.

* Select Board motioned and approved removing \$45,000 for crusher

* Select Board motioned and approved reducing 25-30 to \$1500

* Select Board motioned and approved reducing 55-06 to \$1500

* Select Board motioned and approved reducing 55-57 to \$3000

* Select Board motioned and approved reducing 93-65 to \$5000

* Select Board motioned and approved reducing 96-00 to \$10,000

Budget Committee adjourned the 2025 budget preparation meeting at 8:13pm

i. R. Fick motioned to move into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(A) for personnel matters at 8:29pm. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.

R. Fick motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 9:03pm. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.

R. Fick motioned to change N. Moody's hourly rate to \$26.78. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.

5. R. Fick motioned to adjourn the select board meeting at 9:05pm. Second by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott vote Aye.

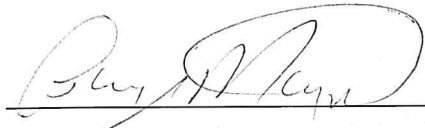
Respectfully submitted,


Regina Pick, Select Board Chair

1/22/25
Date


Nova Watson, Select Board


Teresa Scott, Select Board

Attested by: 
Lesley Maynard, Town Clerk

1/23/25
Date