

Garland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2023
6:00pm

1. **Opening Ceremonies:**

- a. R. Fick opened the meeting at 6:00pm with a call to order. All Select Board members were present for a quorum.
- b. Members Present: R. Fick, J. Sears, R. Webber, L. Keefe, N. Moody
- c. Acceptance of Agenda: R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as presented with two add-ons. J. Sears seconded. All Aye.

2. **Public Comments:** M. Nixon, N. Pitts, D. Wilson, T. Glenar, T. Todd, N. Webber, S. Giles. R. Fick motioned to open to public comments at 6:01pm. J. Sears Seconded. All Aye.

- a. J. Sears thanked N. Moody for the road maintenance. States the roads look great!
- b. S. Giles & N. Pitts commented very nice job on the annual report
- c. J. Sears thanked R. Fick for all the work she does going above and beyond what is required as a Select Board member.
- d. N. Pitts said he called Madeline Jensen, very nice lady, to reiterate information from his conversation with Bangor about possible USDA grants.
- e. T. Glenar suggested people read the article about Monson and the grants that they have secured.
- f. D. Wilson provided a letter to the Select Board for review regarding roads.
- h. R. Fick thanked R. Webber for his time as Select Board Member as this is his last official meeting. Reminders that next Cemetery Committee Meeting is in April. Garland Days meeting is 3/15 and Planning Board meeting is 3/14 to discuss edits to Solar Array Ordinance. We will bypass the vote at Town Meeting. R. Fick motioned to close to public comments at 6:07pm. J. Sears seconded. All Aye.

3. **Consent Agenda:** R. Fick read into record the consent agenda items. R. Fick asked L. Keefe to make note to include Pine Tree service report & Hometown Health annual report in the 2024 Budget Committee folder. R. Fick motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.

4. **Motion Discussions:**

- a. R. Fick asked if anyone had edits or comments on the 2/22/23 meeting minutes. There being none, R. Fick motioned to accept the 2/22/23 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.

- b. R. Fick states that MTCMA is having a training in Bangor for Statewide Managers Exchange on Accessing State and Federal Grant programs. She motioned that L. Keefe and D. Wilson attend this training. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.
- c. R. Fick motioned to have the Select Board sign the Certified Ratio Declaration Form as presented by the Assessing Agent. This is a form that we have to do each year. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.
- d. R. Fick motioned to increase the amount of the Transfer Station start up bag from \$25 to \$45. The last few times she has worked, first transactions have paid with a large bill making it difficult to make change. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye
- e. R. Fick motioned to discuss the plot information for R. Webber and for J. Sears. Both will recuse themselves from the vote on their plots. R. Fick read the explanation of the purchases made by R. Webber (2 separate purchases were made) A total of 6 plots were shown as purchased. On one receipt, it shows that that the Town squared off the lot to be 20x20 and is not charging for the other 2 plots. This reflects what was understood by R. Webber when the purchases were made. R. Fick motioned to accept into record this information to show a 20x20 lot. J. Sears seconded. Approved

R. Fick motioned to discuss the Lot information for K. Sears. Her parents purchased 4 plots (V. Collins & Husband). A purchase agreement could not be found. (Sec I, row 3 Lot 1.) Since this purchase, the town has sold 2 of these plots to another family and R. Fick is motioning to reimburse K. Sears for 2 plots that were purchased by the Collins and then resold. Seconded by R. Webber. All Aye. V. Glenar to research what the 1991 cost for the plots were and to let L. Keefe know.
- f. R. Fick motioned to discuss the ARPA CD. As L. Keefe has not heard back from Androscoggin Bank, R. Fick motioned to table until the 3/22 meeting. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye. Item tabled.

Updates:

- 1. MMA Town Property insurance values. Please provide Assessor with a copy.
- 2. R. Fick suggested setting up the traffic trailer to get a traffic count on Oliver Hill Road. D. Wilson /L. Keefe to draft a letter to P. Coughlan requesting to make Oliver Hill a collector highway.
- 3. R. Fick motioned to place the full time 3rd public works position in the paper for an additional 2 weeks. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye. (skipping "h" for add-ons)
- i. Add-on: Salt contract – N. Moody states we still have about 7-8 loads left on the current purchase. R. Fick motioned for N. Moody to set up salt bid for 2023. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.
- j. Add-on: R. Fick suggested drafting an ordinance presentation policy to outline the process of creating ordinances and to avoid rushing the process. This would provide consistency in the processes. The majority of ordinances are not emergent and need

time for proper review by everyone, including our attorney. R. Fick motioned to prepare procedural guidelines. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.

- h. R. Fick motioned to move into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.S.R.A § 405 (6)(A) at 6:58 pm. Seconded by J. Sears. R. Fick motioned to move out of Executive Session at 7:40pm. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye

R. Fick motioned to have N. Moody speak with the seasonal PW candidates about alternatives to the posted hours. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.

R. Fick motioned to have Administrator, DPW, ACO, CEO and Fire Chief submit a monthly report on the 1st week of each month to be presented at the Select Board meeting. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.

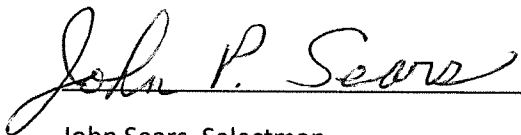
R. Fick motioned to contact Atty Pottle about whether paid stipends can be held if appointed positions are not in compliance with reports or other stated duties. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye

- k. R. Fick motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:42pm. J. Sears seconded. All Aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Regina Fick, Chair Select Board



John Sears, Selectman

Randy Webber, Selectman

