

SPECIAL SELECTBAORRD MEETING – MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2024 AT 8:00AM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Mike Baraw, Bob Best, Denise Daigle, Jennifer Hopkins

Jerry called the meeting to order and introduced those present.

Potential uses of ARPA funds were discussed. The ARPA committee recommends to the board to install new lighting in the existing section of the town garage – not the new addition- at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Jerry made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for new lighting in the “old” section of the town garage, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. The reason for allocating more funds is in case the efficiency VT rebate for 2024 is less than 2023. This passed on a voice vote. The ARPA committee recommended to the board allocating an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for a roller/packer to go behind the grader. Rick made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for a roller/packer to go behind the grader, seconded by Jerry. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

Jerry made a motion to carry over unused funds in the cemetery fund of \$15,398.00 into 2024, seconded by Rick. Denise explained to the board what the cemetery commission’s plans are for the cemeteries should the budget pass. This passed on a voice vote. Jennifer Hopkins was here to update the board on the decontamination unit for the boat access. The board discussed the pros and cons, with Jennifer, about having this machine. The board voted to decline taking possession of this machine. Steve made a motion to carry over unused funds in the milfoil fund of \$5,938.00 into 2024, seconded by Rick. More discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

The 2024 budget was discussed. If the budget passes at town meeting the board and Mike would like to raise all of the town’s equipment rates by \$15.00 per piece of equipment used. The budget will be finalized at the January 29, 2024 meeting.

Unfinished/new business – Bob stated he had concerns with snowmobiles riding off trail close to the newly constructed fire pond. Denise will contact the snowmobile club and ask them to put up ropes/signs in this regard. Denise stated that she heard back from Dan Maclure at Century 21 regarding listing the house the town acquired at tax sale. This will be further discussed at the next board meeting.

Voted to adjourn at 9:30AM