

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 24th, 2024

6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Gary Ferrill, Lee Bryant, Dennis Harvey, Becky Pelkey, John Williams II
Debbie Hodgins, Administrative Assistant & Nicole MacFarline, Clerk – *All present*

GUESTS: None

MINUTES:

June 12th, 2024, Select Board meeting minutes - Need vote to approve – *Lee/Dennis 5/0*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT:

1. Municipal Tax Rate Calculation for 2024-25 – Need vote – *Lee/Dennis 5/0* John voiced concern that in line 13 the Homestead exemption was included in the revenue. Debbie will talk to Mark Gibson. John asked about moving the tax due date to November 1 to give residents more time to pay. It was explained to John that the residents already get the month of August with a discount and the month of September at the regular rate. John went through the expense/revenue documents that were provided to him in agenda packet. He asked when the employee retirement was voted on. The Board explained it was already voted on and Gary was appointed to find a suitable retirement plan. He stated he wanted to see the minutes where this happened and if not, the Board was lying. John also motioned that Board members give their stipend back to the town. Gary explained the small stipends that each receives, the amounts and the amount of time that is spent being a Select Board member. John's motion was not seconded.
2. Tree Growth Penalty for withdrawal – Map 5 Lot 31 - Need vote - *Lee/Dennis 5/0*
3. Nichols Plumbing quote for repair on sewer pipe – *Gary/Lee 5/0*
4. Maine Municipal Association Ballot for Legislative Policy Committee Member – Need – *Lee/Becky 5/0*

4. *Lee motioned to amend the motion to have monthly meetings back to every other month. Becky seconded. Gary was for, Dennis and John were against. 3/2 back to every other month and will re-address in the fall.*
5. *Debbie gave an update on the excise tax concerning the Town of Eddington, Maine Revenue is still working on it. John sat in the audience for this brief amount of time.*

Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (60) (A) Personnel matters

Dennis/Lee -Out of regular meeting and into executive session at 7:02pm. John stated that everyone should have 3 minutes to talk for public comment. Lee reminded all that we were already in executive session. John continued to talk. Residents started raising their hands and were allowed to speak.

Carol Jordan-Spoke regarding transparency and being informed at meetings. She would like to understand the taxes better with the MIL rate going up. She appreciates having time for public comments during meetings so questions can be asked regarding agenda items.

Bruce Davis-Spoke regarding Forever Chemicals and having local bodies of waters tested for levels.

Linda Graban-Asked what the Select Board pay is. Gary explained. Linda stated she makes \$50 or \$60 per year being on the School Board.

Frank Arisimeek-Stated residents voted both options down for the revaluation the second time because Mark Gibson said there wasn't enough time to get it done before this year's taxes.

John Williams Sr.-Talked about the year the salt shed was built, and plywood being put on the back wall. Lee told him a fill line is required.

The audience left for executive session after the above residents spoke.

Lee/Dennis 5/0 out of executive session at 7:29pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Lee/Dennis

Time: 7:32pm