**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes 09/23/2019**

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett absent: Andrea Reichert

Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Judi and Lewis Wills, Kyle Handrahan, Kip Poulin, Brent Davenport, Harold Gaines, Dale Earle Sr., Dale Earle Jr., Nikki Shamaly, Paul Hilenski, Keith and Christeen Mudgett, Ethan Mudgett

1. **Call the meeting to order**-Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

 **2. Review minutes from previous meeting-**The Board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond 2nd and all were in favor.

 **3. Open Bids for Snow Plow Contract-** The Board opened the two bids that were received.

 1. Brent Davenport of J&R Davenport Trucking and Snowplowing put a bid in for $307,900

 2. Dale Earle of Earle Trucking and Excavation put a bid in for $220,000

The board took some time to review both bids and shared their opinions on the two bids. Andrea motioned to accept J&R Davenport Trucking and Snowplowing, Raymond 2nd, Wayne abstained

 **4. Items by the Town Manager**

 **a.** The board of Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants

 **b.** The board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Treasurer’s Report

 **c.** Stacie shared with the board of Selectmen the need to schedule a Public Hearing for the annual General Assistance Ordinance provided by the State of Maine. After a brief discussion it was scheduled for the October 1st meeting and will be posted accordingly.

 **5. Items by the Public**

 **a.** Judi reviewed with the board the events for the Fall Festival which is scheduled for October 19th.

**b**. There was also some discussion regarding the sand salt shed issues. Stacie updated the board that she confirmed with Fine Line Paving that the project was on their list for this year.

**c.** Kip discussed with the board his thoughts for funding a fire truck to put at the Highland Station to fulfill the contract. He found a truck in Etna for $5,000.00. The funds for this would come directly from a portion of the contracted amount for fire coverage with Highland Plantation and would not be funded by any New Portland tax dollars. After discussions on the matter Raymond motioned to authorize Kip to purchase the truck, Andrea 2nd and Wayne abstained.

**d.** Brent approached the board about how they would want to handle a situation if we were to get snow or ice before the town’s sand salt pile was put up? After some discussions with Brent, the board stated that if by chance this situation takes place that if he could get sand and salt to maintain New Portland roads properly, he could submit an invoice to the town for the material used. They also noted they hoped it would not take place but realize we have no control over mother nature.

  **6. Items by the Board of Selectmen**

 **a.** Andrea discussed that David Royce was willing to fill the vacant school board seat until the term was up. There was a brief discussion on the matter. Andrea motioned to nominate David Royce to fill the seat for the remainder of the term, Raymond 2nd and all were in favor.

 **b.** Andrea discussed the need to create a policy for community access to the sand salt pile. Andrea volunteered to work up a draft for the other board members to review.

 **c.** Andrea asked for future agendas to include OLD BUSINESS on them so any business that wasn’t handled it could be presented at a later date.

 **d.** Stacie asked the board if she was authorized to pay the final installment to T&T Construction. After some discussions the board authorized Stacie to pay the final invoice if the engineer had signed off on the work. Stacie would need to contact the engineer to confirm the matter first.

 **e.** The board reviewed the proposed contract with Thomas Builders for the construction of the sand salt shed building. Andrea reviewed with the board a conversation that she previously had with the builder, Jason Thomas regarding some additional things the board wanted added to the contract. Andrea noted the additions to the contract and all board members initialed those changes. And then they signed off on the contract itself.

 **f.** Brian approached the board about an old oil furnace that has sat in the old fire station in the West Village for many, many years. He updated the board that Gary stated he has no use for it. The board discussed the matter briefly. Stacie asked that if the board was considering this for them to ask some sort of dollar amount for it. The board stated that they would consider the matter and make a decision at the next meeting.

 Meeting adjourned at 7:32p.m.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectment at the October 1st meeting. smr*