

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

MARCH 27, 2019

Called to Order 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen: Melissa Spinney, Doug Baston, Greg Shute. Members of the Public: Linda Verney, Jeff Spinney, Jon Bardo, Brittney Bardo, Ralph Hilton, David Abbott, Chris Cooper, Ed Pentaleri, Maria Jenness, Seth Hagar, Matt Bergman. Press: Jessica Clifford, Susan Johns Clerk: Liz Brown

Public Comment: Ralph Hilton suggested that the selectmen should ask Les Fossel come to a meeting to explain to the selectmen how the town can achieve a 2-mil savings through more efficient operations, as he proposed when running for selectman. The selectmen agreed to send Les an invitation to meet.

New Business:

Seth Hagar—Discuss Plowing

Seth Hagar was in to discuss plowing, addressing the issue that a lot of sand and a lot of salt was used this winter. Seth said that so far there have been 30 “plow events” this year. This is every event that a full crew has been out here in Alna. There have been other times they have been out for sanding, etc. but not full crews. Sanding is done during the storm and after multiple times. It gets salted once at both ends of a storm on the major roads. Salt is also used within the sand for a sand/salt blend. During the storm they run straight salt in target areas from time to time. This protocol was established by a prior board of selectmen, and they have adhered to it.

So far this year they have had 18 loads of salt brought in. They apply salt at the MDOT application rate per mile. Seth Hagar will send the breakdown of his numbers to Selectman Baston. (Seth provided these. See attachment to these notes.)

The newly formed plowing committee will discuss all these issues.

Brittney Bardo—Plowing Complaint

Brittney Bardo felt the area around her property with a dry hydrant that has been damaged by plowing. The area was fixed, as the road commissioner took care of it but she feels that it should not have been the town's tax dollars paying for it.

The Bardos offered to plow the dry hydrant for the town themselves in the future. The selectmen agreed that this was a good resolution, and will amend Hagar's plow contract to relieve him of the obligation.

Appointment of Town Officials

The selectmen reappointed the same town officials as last year. There is a need for someone to fill one planning board alternate vacancy.

Lawn Mowing Bid

The town is looking for bids for the lawn mowing. The clerk will have the posting put in the paper for those interested to bid. The selectmen will open the bids at the April 24th meeting at 6 p.m.

Correspondence

The town received an email from Ona Brazwell, who is upset that the Town Report contained a picture of her and her child in attendance at last year's town meeting. She states that: "This presents a legal issue for the town as I never signed a release authorizing you to use my children as pawns for your political statements." The selectmen do not believe that there is any legal issue, but will respond with a promise to not use a photo of any member of her family in future town publications.

Old Business

New Town Office Update

Ralph Hilton said the trim in the meeting room is done. The workstation is being constructed in the clerk's office and the walls are done. Tidewater pulled some cables. The wheelchair ramps need to be done. There is also a water test that needs to be done and Mary Bowers has volunteered to do this.

Public Comment:

Alewife Contract

David Sutter was in to talk about the Alewives contract. He doesn't think that DMR ever asked the town's permission to use the site and would like one of the selectmen to go with him to talk to the commissioner. He will try to get an appointment and Selectman Shute will go with him.

The Alewife contract and harvest plan is due at DMR by April 20th.

Efficiency Maine

The town received a check from Efficiency Maine for \$500. This is a rebate for purchasing a high efficiency heat pump for the new town office.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 p.m.

Email from Seth Hagar:

- Salt use was requested by the board after our first year of plowing
- We salt all major commute roads once at the very end of the storm
- The total CENTER Line miles of roads that we treat is approximately 18.38 Miles (218, West Alna Road, Cross Road, Rt.194, Rt194 to Rt 218)
- We use one load of salt per 500 yards of sand, totals 4 (loads) x 32 (tons in a typical load) = 128 tons
- Typically, we install approximately 2000 yards of sand each year, and we typically have about 500 yards or so left over each year.
- We salt the town office, the fire station and the major hills / trouble spots during and after the storm per request
- We have had 30 major event this year where the crew has performed services, this includes icing and snow event, however it does not include minor issue that have been called to treat, water run off issues etc.
- The formula to figure out how much salt is applied or rather what we are currently using is

$18.38 \text{ (Center line miles)} \times 2 \text{ (convert to lane miles)} \times 650 \text{ (Lbs. of salt per lane mile)} = 23,894 \text{ lbs.}$

$\text{Total lbs. } 23,894 / 2000 \text{ (convert to tons)} = \text{total tons applied } 11.94 \text{ per each application}$

$30 \text{ events} \times \text{total tons } 11.94 = 358.41 \text{ tons applied directly to the roads}$

Add the 128 tons from above that we mix with the sand to the amount that we apply to the road.... $128 + 358.41 = 486.41 \text{ tons}$

We use approximately 50 tons on the hills, parking lots and bad spots during the winter....again
 $35 \text{ Events} \times 5 \text{ yards} \times 2 \text{ application} \times 1.4 \text{ conversion yards to tons} = 49$

That brings the total to 536.41 tons

There currently are approximately 2 loads left in the shed, so 60 tons. That puts the total amount of 596.41 tons, the town has used 18 loads to date, 576 tons plus whatever was left over from last year.