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SELECT BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Opened the meeting and established a quorum: S. Ford; B. Duffy present (D. Carter online). D. Ford and L. Dow are also in attendance. From the public: J. Franklin and B. Sherwell.

Read/approve Minutes from Last meeting; Motion and 2nd to accept as written. 2-0 approved.

CEO REPORT: Received a set of plans from Manheimer to move one building and raise an additional building. Duane noticed while going through the packet that there isn't a survey included. He is under the assumption that pb can't act without. Lots of calls coming in for various things going on. Would really like to see where the stream bed is at 619 Reach Road; Gray property- as this makes a huge difference for what can be done there due to the year-round stream there.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion with Brooke Perkins regarding car registration: Last Friday Lyndsey received a voicemail from Brooke stating that she had been pulled over and that her car was being towed due to a plate issue. Upon further investigation Lyndsey discovered that a computer error had assigned an old plate number to the registration, but she was able to correct and sent Brooke proof to the state police within minutes of finding the error. Later that night, Lyndsey received an invoice for a towing bill. On Monday morning Lyndsey contacted the state police regarding this matter, trying to find information surrounding the circumstances of the traffic stop. Two individuals from the State Police office notified Lyndsey that due to there being no inspection sticker present, the trooper towed the car. Upon receiving that information Lyndsey contacted Brook, copying Susan; Select Board chair, informing her of what the State Police reported and that she would not be getting any money from the town, and further the address on file was not her address, and she needed to register her car in the town she lives in. There was then a stream of demanding emails from Brooke regarding

repayment and conflicting information. Lyndsey did not respond, to defuse the situation and asked Susan to speak with Brooke. Susan asked Brooke to attend the meeting tonight to discuss this matter. Lyndsey then received a phone call from the chief of police at the State barracks who then admitted he and the other individual misspoke and after contacting the trooper who conducted the stop, it was discovered that the car was, in fact, towed due to the computer error, as the plates weren't being traced to anyone. Brooke attended the meeting and was told that she would be reimbursed for the error, but that she wasn't to register her car at the town of Sedgwick anymore. The address she is trying to claim does not belong to her and she has not lived there since October of 2024. The board explained that due to excise tax law, she must be able to prove where she lives and must register any vehicles in the town where she currently resides, and that "ownership" of a home does not mean one can register their car at any town office. Brooke said she agreed and was given the check. Select Board member, Carter recused himself from this situation due to conflict of interest.

2. Road Commissioner decision: Received two applications: Ben Astbury and Ethan Woodward. Both did a great job during their interviews. This was previously an elected position, the first appointed position. The board briefly discussed how each interview went and thanked them both for their interest. Motion and 2nd to appoint Ben Astbury as road commissioner. 2-0-1 (Carter abstained due to his absence) Susan noted that she spoke with the Maine Municipal legal department and Ben will be allowed to continue with his plow contract legally. Appointment will be effective Friday, March 6th. Lyndsey will swear Ben in at his earliest convenience.

3. Starting the wood stove at Town House for election Friday: Barry will go to the Town House early and light the fire. Everything is other all set for tomorrow. Lyndsey has just a couple of things that had to wait until the very last minute, which she will finish after this meeting.

ADJOURN:

Motion and 2nd to adjourn at 6:19pm