

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: January 10, 2023

Time: 05:30 pm

I. **Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum**

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established by Select Board Chair, Peter Lewis, at 5:30 p.m. This was a Zoom meeting in accordance with the Towns remote participation to board members and the public. Select Board members participating were Peter Lewis, Mark Favreau, Deb Smith, Allen Acker, Peter Feeney and Nicole Briand, Town Manager.

II. **Amendments to the Agenda- none**

III. **Approval of Consent Calendar**

- A. Warrants & Financial Reports
 - 1. Treasurer's Warrant #13

Favreau moved the Board approve the Consent Calendar, as presented; seconded by Smith. Vote was 5-0.

IV. **Town Manager's Report**

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Updates

- Ambulance –
 - I have not had any further communications with North East since the Board's December 27th meeting.
 - We met with Gardiner and Topsham to discuss ambulance service for the remainder of this year should North East Mobile try to terminate our contract. They both stated that while they would be willing to enter into an agreement to cover Bowdoinham for \$1,250 per call, neither would be willing to sign-on as our official provider.
 - We've received preliminary numbers from Gardiner: Ambulance Base Fee (not including uncollectibles) - \$68,118 and "Host Fee" for additional ambulance - \$428,665.

- Gardiner staff is in the process of discussing expanding its service to include Bowdoinham with both their Ambulance Board and their City Council, both would need to approve of expanding their service.
- Richmond is in the process of discussing their level of interest in hosting an ambulance and what they may be willing to contribute to the host fee.
- I'm in the process of hiring a Planning & Development Director and Public Works Driver/Laborer/Operator.
- We've received an updated on our Nexamp agreement; the Madison CSG project will begin generating electricity in **June 2023**, not November 2022 as expected. We can expect to see credits applied to your utility bill within 1-2 billing cycles of the connection date.
- Public Works has begun work CEO/Assessors Office, this project does include changes to the kitchen for access.
- The 3rd and 4th quarter property card updates have been completed.
- The tree work for Dingley Road is planned for the week of January 23rd.
- The Millay Rd foreclosed property sale has been completed; only the Post Road property is left of close, by the end of April.
- Mr. Gallant has been reaching out regarding two of his previous complaints: trees removal and our Modern Pest services. He has also stated that he will be providing us with a property line proposal.

V. Select Board Member's Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting- none

VI. Announce Future Select Board Meetings

- A. January 23, 2023 - Workshop via Zoom
- B. January 24, 2023 - Regular Meeting via Zoom

VII. Comments from the Select Board Members

Acker stated his concerned about Gardiner's ability to serve Bowdoinham, if they still need approval from their Councils. The Board shared that concern.

VIII. Comments from the Public - none

IX. Adjourn

Adjournment was at 5:40 p.m.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

Peter Lewis, Chair

Mark Favreau, Vice-Chair

Debra Smith

Allen Acker

Peter Feeney

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa-Marie Curtis, Administrative Assistant