

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM SELECT BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES



Date: March 16, 2021

Time: 5:30 pm

I. Call workshop to Order and Establish a Quorum

The workshop was called to order and a quorum was established by Select Board Chair, David Engler at 5:30 p.m. This was a zoom meeting to comply with the Governor's Executive Order. Select Board members participating were David Engler, Jeremy Cluchey, Thomas Walling, Mark Favreau, and Nicole Briand, Town Manager. (Peter Lewis was absent)

II. Amendments to the Agenda

No Amendments.

III. Discuss Capital Projects FY 2022

Briand presented and discussed proposed capital projects FY 2022, including road improvements, building improvements, cemetery tree pruning and removal, fire station lighting, and Solid Waste & Recycling design. She also mentioned grants that we have been selected for.

IV. Comments from Select Board members

Favreau suggested that a new culvert may not be needed on Dingley Road if we stop paving just short of the culvert; however, we would then refuse the Grant for this. Walling stated that Carding Machine Road needs to be a priority this year. He also mentioned additional priorities, such as the roof on the Town Office Building and infrastructure. Cluchey mentioned that the Federal Rescue Plan coming to towns may be used for much of the maintenance. Engler thanked Public Works for their hard work on the roads through this tough season.

V. Comments from the Public

Several members of the public had much to say about the need to fix the culverts and pave Dingley Road. Many stated their concerns about lack of access to emergency vehicles due to the treacherous road. Dingley Road was not passable for small cars on Friday evening, March 12th. At least one resident had to leave her car in the

Richmond Town Forest parking lot and call her husband/partner to come in his truck and pick her up. Acker mentioned that the Richmond section of the road was paved through an experimental program through the University of Maine Engineering Program. Other suggestions were made, such as connecting with Pratt Road for an additional access option.

Tobey Frizzle, Public Works Foreman, asked the residents to contact Public Works directly when they need assistance with their road.

VI. Adjourn

Adjournment was at 7:03 p.m.

Select Board

Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

David Engler, Chair

Jeremy Cluchey, Vice-Chair

Peter Lewis

Thomas Walling

Mark Favreau

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Hodson, Administrative Assistant