

Garland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2024, 6:00pm
108 Corinth Rd

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
- b. R. Fick, N. Watson, and T. Scott in attendance for a quorum of the board. L. Keefe and K. Wood attending.
- c. R. Fick motioned to accept agenda as presented with 1 add-on for Winsmor quote. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

2. Public Comments: attending – R. Marquis

R. Fick motioned to open to public comment at 6:05pm, Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

R. Marquis asked a follow-up question from last meeting “can the town haul stumps to the south side of the transfer station where the sandy section is?” R. Fick stated that a portion of the area is reserved for cemetery expansion.

There being no further public comments, R. Fick motioned to close to public comment at 6:10pm. Seconded by T. Scott, All Aye.

3. Consent Agenda Items:

R. Fick read the 4 items in to record and motioned to accept the items as presented. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

4. Motions/Discussions:

- a. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the April 24, 2024, meeting minutes with one edit – Sec 4, item J – add the word “doesn’t” after DEP. Seconded by T. Scott, All Aye.
- b. R. Fick motioned to sign the Warrant and Notice of Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 46 Budget Validation Referendum. Seconded by T. Scott, All Aye.
- c. Discussed the proposed increase to the school assessment. Strong encouragement for voters to attend the public-school hearings on 5/22 and 5/30.
- d. L. Keefe will forward the Brent Lawson email to the planning board for their 5/14 meeting.
- e. LD1 requirement of Municipal Tax Levy Limit is repealed.
- f. Discussed the Maine DOT bridge report and Millet bridge condition. K. Wood to schedule a meeting with the Bridge Ranger to review options. Do we close to vehicular traffic and post for ATV and foot traffic only?

- g. Select Board members declined serving on the MMA legislative policy committee.
- h. Request by resident to use the Transfer Station loop for walking. Eric Hamlin, Maine DEP, said this is not allowed and provided the rule/regulation. L. Keefe to contact resident.
- i. Discussed the cost of moving the brush pile and possible violations in doing so. R. Fick motioned to chip the pile as planned, seconded by N. Watson – All Aye. L. Keefe to call MRRR to schedule the chipper.
- j. Passed on as permit information was not received by the office.
- k. Discussion about quote for test pit at the Transfer Station to comply with our inspection. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the agreement with Haley Ward for test pits at a cost of \$3,000. Half of this cost will be covered with savings from what we budgeted for chipping (\$1400). Will revisit in the fall to see if any funds need to be transferred to the transfer station. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.
- l. R. Fick motioned to participate at the request of Christina Thomas to submit a signature flavor whoopie pie from Garland for her business, Whoopie Wagon.
- m. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the supplemental tax certificate for account 376 to remove property from tree growth. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.
- n. Add-on: Winsmor Garage Door quotes - \$2770 - \$3270 to repair the doors damaged by the truck and \$1870 to repair the third door due to deterioration. R. Fick motioned to approve both quotes for the work to be scheduled. L. Keefe is approved to submit the final bill for the truck damaged doors to our insurance company. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye. The cost of these repairs will be covered by insurance along with savings that K. Wood is predicting from funds budgeted for excavator rental and repair to the water truck.
- o. Add-on: R. Fick motioned to schedule a workshop on 6/5/24 to begin at the town pit at 3:30pm and then move to the transfer station. The purpose of this workshop is to familiarize all select board members with the set-up of both areas and to develop an improvement plan for the transfer station as previously discussed in 2023 for better flow and updating/removing the deteriorating conex boxes. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

5. Updates/Notices:

L. Keefe read the presented updates. K. Wood added the following updates:

They have screened and hauled six loads of sand to the highway salt/sand shed. He has received the bottom screen, bar and related parts which will be installed this week. This will allow the sand to be screened finer.

K. Wood checked the cost of 2-inch minus – Webber’s has it for \$12 per yard.

L. Keefe reported that K. Wood and the Garland Days Committee checked the buildings at the field. It was found that the circuit breaker was on, and the freezer & fridge were running

with the doors open. This was most likely the cause of the \$600 electric bill last year. Both are now unplugged, and the breaker is off.

K. Wood stated the small white building by the fence is in poor condition and should be removed. The Select Board approved removing the building.

N. Watson forwarded compliments from residents who have commented on the roads, and repairs that have been made by public works. Residents are noticing the work being done and the response coming from public works and are appreciative.

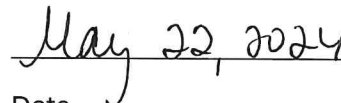
6. Adjournment:

R. Fick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Regina Fick, Select Board Chair



Date



Nova Watson, Select Board



Teresa Scott, Select Board

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Clerk

