

Garland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2024
108 Corinth Rd

1. Opening Ceremonies:
 - a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
 - b. R. Fick, N. Watson & T. Scott attended as a quorum of the Select Board. L. Keefe, Administrator, attended.
 - c. R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
2. Public Comments:

Public attending: B. Marquis & P. Devine
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Spirit of America Award for all Municipal Clerks/Ballot Clerks
 - b. Monthly reports FD & PW, January – September.
 - c. B. Nuding – drone support. R. Fick motioned to move to a discussion item. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
4. Discussions/Motions:
 - a. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the September 25, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
 - b. P. Devine, Planning Board Chair, provided an overview of information given by P. Malia, Penquis Housing, on build opportunities. Select Board asked Peter to follow-up with Mr. Malia – can the project be geared just toward elder housing and determine the size of the property needed. Revisit at next meeting and invite Mr. Malia to a future SB meeting.

R. Fick motioned L. Keefe to send a letter to D. Kusnierz to state our interest in pursuing funding for the Millet Rd bridge and a fish access at the Garland Pond Dam. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
 - c. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the Certificate of Abatement for acct 729 for \$19.01. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
 - d. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the Certificate of Abatement for acct 729 for \$373.56. Seconded by T. Scott. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
 - e. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the Supplemental Tax Certificate and Supplemental Tax Warrant for Acct 729 in the amount of \$373.56. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.

- f. R. Fick motioned for L. Keefe to sign the junkyard denial letter for Mr. Preble and to return his \$50 fee. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
- g. Reviewed 2025 State Valuation letter. No action needed.
- h. R. Fick motioned to waive the rental fee for M. Hartmann to conduct yoga classes using the community building. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
- i. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the Warrant and Notice of Election to Call Maine School Administrative District No 46. Referendum. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
- j. Central Paving submitted a quote of \$11,000 (changed to \$10,000) to remove existing pavement, fix surfacing and repave on Campbell Rd to remove the "dip" at the bottom of the hill. The quoted \$52,000 for the 600 ft on Oliver Hill Rd.

No action taken.
- k. L. Keefe provided information on air quality testing and air purifiers for the office. All office staff are experiencing increased allergy symptoms and headaches. R. Fick motioned to approve the purchase of air purifiers/filters for the office from the Community Building budget. If this does not solve the problem, we will revisit testing. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
- l. R. Fick skipped until after the Budget Meeting.

5. Updates:

L. Keefe provided the following updates: Jeffery Sasso was hired for the vacant full-time public works position. He started on 10/7/24.

Campbell Stream Crossing Project will be completed on 10/11/24, other than the center posts for the guard rails. Those are expected on 10/20.

- 6. R. Fick motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:56pm and move in to the Select Board/Budget Committee Meeting. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

R. Fick motioned to resume the Select Board Meeting at 8:07pm. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- m. Add-on: Resident behavior. R. Fick motioned L. Keefe to write a letter to Jeremiah Hallam that its town procedure to not allow dumpster diving of any kind. Aggressive behavior toward town staff will not be tolerated, if it continues further action will be taken. Staff have been authorized to call the authorities if needed. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.

- l. R. Fick motioned to move into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A 405(6)(A) personnel - public works applicants at 8:11pm. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

a. R. Fick motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 8:45pm Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.

R. Fick motioned to offer the Public Works Director position to J. Sasso at \$26.00. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

R. Fick motioned to offer the second vacant full-time position to P. Booker at \$23.00. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.

Both individuals have a six-month review in April 2025.

b. For next meeting agenda – each select board member will bring names to be considered for Road Commissioner. The select board would like to separate this duty from Public Works Director.

R. Fick motioned for N. Watson to act as interim Road Commissioner. T. Scott seconded. T. Scott & R. Fick voted Aye.

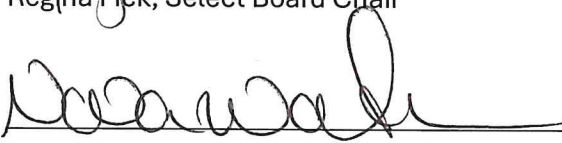
6. Adjournment:

R. Fick motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 8:50pm. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Regina Fick, Select Board Chair

10/23/2024
Date


Nova Watson, Select Board Seat 2


Teresa Scott, Select Board Seat 3

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