Garland Select Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024, 5:30pm 108 Corinth Rd

1. Opening Ceremonies

- a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- b. R. Fick and J. Sears attending as a quorum of the Select Board. L. Keefe, Office Administrator present.
- c. R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as read, seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
- 2. Public Comments: S. Giles, B. Scott, T. Scott, S. Berryhill, K. Keefe
 - R. Fick motioned to open the floor to public comment at 5.30pm. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
 - a. Garland Days committee is looking for pictures taken at past events for their event board.
 - b. S. Giles states the annual meeting of the Historical Society was 1/9/24.
 - c. B. Scott states the culvert by his driveway is plugged. Thinks it was done by the PW while plowing. L. Keefe asked Mr. Scott if this was done by him when he was working on the road.

There being no further public comment, R. Fick motioned to close the floor to public comment at 5:35pm. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Broadband grant award article – R. Fick motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.

4. Motions/Discussions:

- a. R. Fick motioned to accept and sign the December 27, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
- b. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the certificate of appointments for K. Wood as Road Commissioner and for K. Flynn as Assistant Road Commissioner. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
- c/d. Certification of Proposed Ordinance/Public Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2024.
 - R. Fick motioned to certify the Solar Array Ordinance for the Town of Garland, Maine for presentation at the public hearing scheduled for February 14, 2024, at 6:00pm. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.

- R. Fick motioned to return the Vendor Ordinance to the Planning Board for clarification on use of town property and locations. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
- e. R. Fick motioned to approve K. Wood, Director of Public Works, authority to close the Transfer Station on 1/13/24, to inclement weather/unsafe weather conditions. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
- f. R. Fick motioned to place a moratorium (180-day hold) on campers as permanent residences in the Town of Garland and asked L. Keefe to put this on the 2/14 public hearing agenda. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
- g. R. Fick motioned to dedicate the 2023 Annual Report to the Spirit of America recipients: Victory Glenar and Sanford Giles. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
- h. We have received some inquiries regarding whether a resident located on Oliver Hill is a threat to others. Her postings have increased in frequency over the past few weeks. L. Keefe & R. Fick spoke with Atty. Pottle, and we are just documenting the situation at this time. This person is not a squatter, she has an arrangement with the property owner to purchase the property and has been making the payments. R. Fick has spoken with a State Trooper regarding the situation.
- i. After discussion, R. Fick motioned to rescind the application for the Community Action Grant of \$100,000. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.
- Adjournment: R. Fick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm. Seconded by J. Sears All Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Fick, Select Board Chair

John Sears, Selectman

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