

**TOWN OF SANGERVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Beginning @ 5:00PM
Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

Item 1. Open Meeting: Chairman Wark called meeting to order at 5:01 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. Selectmen Present: Mike Wark, Jodi Cabot, Dale Gray
- B. Employees Present: Brydie Armstrong
- C. Public Present: None

Item 2. Approval of Minutes:

- A. Select Board Workshop 10-9-2020
- B. Select Board Special Meeting 10-21-2020
- C. Select Board Emergency Meeting 10-23-2020

Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2nd to approve A, B and C as read. All in favor.

Item 3. Review of the Treasurer's Warrants:

- A. Payroll # 86, # 87
- B. Accounts Payable # 88

Item 3 on the agenda previously listed Payroll # 86 & # 88, Accounts Payable # 87. A correction was made to this during review and the correction was approved as follows:

Selectman Gray made a motion and Selectman Cabot 2nd to approve A and B as read. All in favor.

Item 4. Open Session: Limited to 2 Minutes – Extension per Chairman: None

Item 5. Old Business:

A. Proposal for a layout for Town Office

The Town Manager spoke to Doug Haskell about the well in front of the cook shack in SVMP, who informed the Town Manager the well was drilled down 35 feet, water was found to be gushing everywhere. The well was intended to be a hand pump and never passed a water test. The well is not usable.

Numbers were received for library use in 2019. Total visits in 2019 were 825 and 352 kids. The library is currently open 2 days a week. Discussion if a library should be included in a new town office.

The Town Manager reported on the requirements for a vault in municipal buildings.

B. Fire Department Action Plan

Chad Burgess met with the Town Manager yesterday. Chad would like his wife to assist the Fire Department in secretarial duties, computer setup and note-taking during the Fire Department meetings. The Town Manager spoke with the board about hiring her for 4 hours monthly to take notes at the Fire Department meetings, 2 meetings per month.

C. Cemetery Policy and Potential Warrant Articles

Cemetery policy is under review. Selectmen discussed having it simplified. The Town Manager presented a potential warrant article to allow the Selectmen to require every cemetery lot deed be registered at the Piscataquis Registry of Deeds and if the registration fee should be built into the cost of the lot or the potential warrant should include allowing the Select Board to set the fee for each deed.

Item 6. New Business

A. Release Deed

A property owner is selling their property which has an existing lien from 1972 that has not been released. Town Manager researched the property and believes the taxes were paid. The Select Board signed a release deed .

B. Appointments

The Town Manager is looking for individuals to fill the upcoming board vacancies.

Item 7. Town Manager Report: Election

Absentee ballots numbers were higher than normal at 281 opposed to an average around 100. At the opening of polls the ballot machine was not accepting ballots. Election workers contacted the State for direction and resolved the issue with a hard reset on the ballot machine. Voters had lots of questions on rank choice voting. 46 people registered to vote on election day. 1 ballot was challenged due to a lack of proof of residency.

Item 8. Road Commissioner Report: Brush Cutting-Flanders Hill, Grading

C&W Nuite went to load the trucks with sand on November 3rd and the loader would not start. The Town Manager hired Herrick Excavation to come look at the loader who determined the battery was being drained. The Select Board discussed if the loader/bulldozer should be sold for cost efficiency. The Town Manager will speak to Rick Drew tomorrow on when brush cutting will be completed. Grading was supposed to have been completed. The contractor informed the Town Manager the grading will not happen due to circumstances and the weather. The Town Manager contacted Herrick Excavations who will do it.

Item 9. Correspondence: ME DOT

ME DOT emailed the Town Manager to inform they are planning a highway resurfacing project near Route 23 next Summer.

Item 10. Request for Additional Agenda Items: None

Item 11. Selectmen Concerns: None

Item 12. Executive Session: None

Adjourn. Selectman Cabot made a motion and 2nd by Chairman Wark to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

THE NEXT MEETING IS November 18, 2020 (Agenda subject to change without notice)

Respectfully submitted,



Town Manager

