

TOWN OF SANGERVILLE  
SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Beginning @ 6:00pm  
Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Item 1. Open Meeting:

- A. Selectpersons Present: Chair Jeff Peters and Josh Tracy
- B. Employees Present: Michelle Nichols
- C. Public Present:
- D.

Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2. Open Session: Limited to 2 Minutes-Extension per Chair:

- A.) Beth Rowell: Concerns about flooding - She asked if the town could do something about the flooding by their redemption center. They asked if the town could keep the drains unclogged. When the drains get clogged, a lot of water comes down the streets. Both Beth and Chris have spoken to DOT where it is a State Road, but the State said they cannot do anything. Chris asked if we could get a Public Works committee back together again. The board will have Selectperson Tracy call DOT to ask about the situation.
- B.) Sonja Darai: Wants to request being put on a list for having a culvert installed. - Selectperson Tracy tried to get in touch with the resident on whether it's a new culvert she needs or a replacement. Selectperson Tracy said that he would go out and look at the area where she wants the culvert.  
103 Bean Hill Road
- C) Louis Harper- Closing the road is illegal -Flanders Hill Culvert work - is unhappy that the road was closed for culvert work and that there was no notice of road work. He said the town should've posted something other than a hand written sign, and they should've been made aware. He has children who have medical issues, and if an emergency happened then he wouldn't be able to get them to the hospital. Selectperson Tracy said he's looked and hasn't found a policy stating that we needed to inform people of road work. He has taken responsibility because it was supposed to go up on the website last Friday, but it got missed. Chair Peters asked the board if they thought posting a notice about a road closure a couple of days in advance was something to consider. Mr. Harper thinks it's a good idea. The board apologized for the inconvenience.

Item 3: Sign the Minutes of Board Meeting \_08/07/2024, \_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Holding off because the board hasn't reviewed the minutes themselves yet.

Item 4. Review of the Treasurer's Warrants:

A. Payroll: 56

B. Accounts Payable: 57

The board signed off on the Payroll and A/P Warrants.

Item 6: Old Business:

A) Update on FEMA- Alcina from Emergency Management Agency - Michelle has been in touch with Alcina, and she has signed the last of the paperwork, so we're just waiting for the money to come in.

Item 7: New Business:

A) Tax Club for Taxpayers Suggested by a resident - a resident came in and said that we should start a tax club for taxpayers. Michelle explained our current options to her. She recently came back in and asked about it again. She gave Michelle a name of someone in Dexter who does these tax clubs, and they run them from October to March. It doesn't delay the lien, but they have to pay on time in order to remain interest free. If they are late then they're out of the club, and the interest goes right back on. Dexter has a council, and the council approves it every year to be done, and waive the interest for the tax clubs. They have between 100 and 150 people that do this. Sangerville is a select board, and Michelle wondered if this is something that we have to go to the public about this. Chair Peters agrees that it probably is something for the public to vote and decide. This goes into making decisions on the town's income streams. The town also votes on the interest rate, and when the interest starts. It only makes sense to let the public decide.

B) Wentworth Engineering - Michelle spoke to Wentworth this morning, and checked with Steve to be sure he was willing to work with Butch Campbell from Campbell Environmental. She also touched base with Rich to make sure if we hired the Wentworth company for the Engineers that they would be willing to work with them. He encouraged us to go to Wentworth. Everyone is happy with everything. As a town we have

applied for some grant money to help with the renovation of the building. We started working with Ben, who is involved in the Brownsfield Program. The Brownsfield Program has worked on restoring several old buildings in Maine and making sure they are environmental safe. There are many different avenues we can work with. Between the two companies we could get the building up and running. They will see us through to the end of the project. Chair Peters made a motion to submit the contract to Wentworth Engineering, Selectperson Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

- C) Eagle Technologies - Caleb did a really good presentation, and the price is half of what SJ Rollins quoted us. They have a person on their team who is IT services and familiar with TRIO. Chair Peters made a motion to submit the contract to Eagle Technologies, Selectperson Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.
- D) Rich Campbell -Campbell Environmental Group- Need to schedule a walk through for the Environmental Group who will be working on it. The board would like to be present for this meeting.

Brownsfield Program -

#### Item 8: Town Clerks Report:

- A) Emailed Nicholas Mayhew concerning the land fill - We had a report from the State of Maine on the landfill. It hadn't been mowed and some other issues were found too. Michelle emailed the person who did the inspection and asked if they needed anything to prove that we've complied with the rules when fixing the issues. This is the old dump on Route 23.
- B) Another Town manager resume has come in. - schedule interviews? - Another application has come in, and Michelle has sent them to the board to review. Chair Peters they should start interviewing candidates, and 40 minutes per interview should be enough. There have been no applicants for the deputy town clerk position. One girl did come in to ask a couple of questions of what the job entailed. There are no applications for the job, interested applicants just need to turn in their resume to apply. Selectperson Tracy suggested doing three interviews in the evening. The board collectively agrees that a local person with a vested interest in the town might be the best choice for a town

manager. Chair Peters said they needed to be clear if they wanted to offer it as a 32 or 40 hour a week position. The policy says that in 32 hours is the minimum for a person to acquire health insurance. Do the applicants applying need health insurance? The board wants to ask this in the interviews. Chair Peters believes that the title of town manager/road commissioner may have driven some of the previous town managers or applicants away due to the complexities of both positions. The board would like someone to come in as town manager, and stay for the long haul. The board would like to ask the same questions for every candidate they meet with. The board is going to make their candidate picks, and get in touch with Michelle, so she can schedule the interviews for everyone. The only one Michelle has been in contact with is the candidate that the previous board has already interviewed. Selectperson Tracy suggested keeping the first interviews short. They discussed using the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> to do interviews for town manager applicants. They would like to use the same process for town manager and deputy town clerk interviews. They would like to start the interviewing at 3pm on a Wednesday.

Item: 9: Road Commissioners Report--Josh:

- A) Flanders Hill road-Culvert - Flanders Hill is basically done. He only needs a few more hours before everything is done.
- B) Culverts, Silvers Mills Road - Chelsea Hersey and Craig Burton has requested a culvert extension, and have for a long time. However, their culvert was bad and they were told that they had to pay for the whole project if they wanted it. They said ok, and the road commissioner at the time came up with a plastic 18 inch culvert, shoved it over a 15 inch steel culvert, and put a piece of plywood over the top of it. He covered it with gravel, and said he'd be back some time to do the other end, and never came back. Since then, Chelsea and Craig found out that the extension should be on them, and the town is responsible for the original culvert. There's currently a plugged culvert because there is a smaller one inside of a bigger one, and it's caused a dam 20 feet down there. It's going up over their driveway, and if you pull onto Silvers Mills from 23, you'll see all the material from the driveway has built up, and down by the Stop sign, it's eroding the tar away. Selectperson Tracy said this

is something they need to get on. Chair Peters drove by when it was raining, and it looked like water was running down the road. Selectperson Tracy explained that it's because of the all the material that's built up down there. Chair Peters asked if anyone had talked to Chelsea and Craig. Selectperson Tracy said that he'd gone up and spoken to them about the issue. Chair Peters made a motion to hire Scott to go fix it, Selectperson Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

- C) Potholes, Flanders Hill, Silvers Mills and Line Road - These roads have a lot of potholes, and it's gotten very bad. Selectperson Tracy believes that we need to get someone to go to Bangor and get 1 ton of cold patch to start fixing these potholes before they get any worse. He's taken his service truck down these roads before. Scott, Lawson, and Nuites have all done cold patch in the past. Selectperson Tracy believes they should go with whoever has a 1 ton rig to get the cold patch to do the job. There is another issue with the Line Road; they left 116 rods at the end. We only ever split the dirt. Selectperson Tracy has always asked why they're in charge of 2/3rds of the road. It's because nobody ever took the paved end. He'd like everyone to really look at it, and have Dover take the dirt and they take the pavement. He doesn't understand why we've been taking care of the road since 1913. He thinks the board should have a discussion on the issue. Chair Peters said that for the moment they have to make a decision on the cold patch. If something isn't done now, it's only going to get worse. Chair Peters made a motion to hire Scott to address the pot holes, Selectperson Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- D) The Edgerly Boat Landing Road: There was a concern about the Edgerly Boat Landing Road, and it was said that its barely passable. There's two roads, and it's a controversial issue, one road goes around the edge of Center Pond, the other goes to the boat landing. The public going in to use the boat landing are blocking off access to a camp when they leave their vehicle and boat trailer parked in front of it, instead of moving it out of the way. Chair Peters said that as far as he knew the town doesn't do maintenance on the boat landing road. The people with the concern want the potholes filled or have it graded. Chair Peters said this is the problem, you do it for one camp road then you've got to do it for all the others. He said there's another issue; there's no gravel left

on that road, and there's nothing to grade. It's ledge, rocks, and potholes. There's nothing left of that road, which why everyone started using the new road, crossing over at Marvin Edgerly's, and going to the public landing because the ledge sticks right out of the ground. Small cars going over it will bottom out going down it. Michelle asked if there was an association on that road. Chair Peters said that there are three camps on that road, and that Marvin Edgerly contributes to the other road, so he can use it. The other road has an association to take care of it. The public landing road doesn't. It would have to be a budgeted deal to go out and do something to that. Selectperson Tracy is going to go out and look at it. The board doesn't know what their responsibility is for that road, and they have to find out before they even think of doing anything. Selectperson Tracy dug around in the cabinets at the old public works building, and he couldn't find anything. Chair Peters said the best thing they could do was to find out their responsibility first.

This is a two part concern, the second part is about people leaving their truck and trailers, blocking the camps for the weekend. The town can do something about that with some signage. Selectperson Tracy said, if we do own the boat landing then we should probably put some signage up. Chair Peters may ask his father what he knows about it. We don't want to set precedent on this before we know what our responsibility is. The couple who made their concern known when both came to register vehicles. They mentioned that they've asked many times, but nothing has been done about it, and they're just frustrated. Selectperson Tracy will go out to check out the road.

- E) Selectperson Tracy said that he went to address the one at the intersection, and he could see and hear the people inside but no one would come to the door. He doesn't think that the brush in the ditch is a big deal at this point.
- F) At the Special Town meeting we put out committee sign ups. We have 5 on for the park, 7 for the budget, 1 for the forestry, and none for roads. Dani Gray called Michelle to make us aware that several years ago they had something called an economic development committee, and didn't know if the board would like to see one of those committees added. Sammie asked if we wanted to put something on the Facebook

page and website to let people know we had sign ups for these committees available and if interested, call, message, and/or come into the office to sign up. The board thinks that's a good idea to get that out there. Chair Peters asked if the economic committee was part of another committee or was it a separate committee all together. Michelle answered that it was its own committee.

- G) Michelle brought up abatements for Nicholas Chambers and Mark Griswold. They haven't been signed yet, but they were incorrectly named. The forms need to be signed for chain of command to show that the correction for the error had been made.

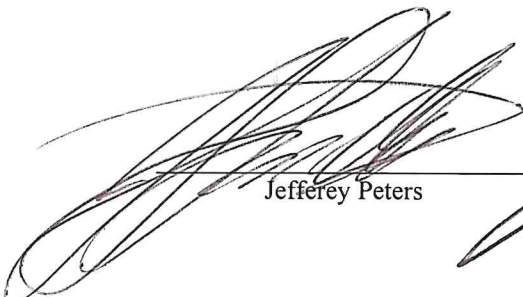
Item 11: Executive Session to discuss a Poverty Abatement application. - Chair Peters made a motion to go into Executive Session under Title 36 Chapter 105 § 487 A for discussion at 7:43pm, Selectperson Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Chair Peters made a motion to come out of Executive Session at, 8:13pm. The board reviewed a poverty abatement application, and the decision is; Chair Peters made a motion to do a partial abatement on this application, Selectperson Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Adjourn: Chair Peters made a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm, Selectperson Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

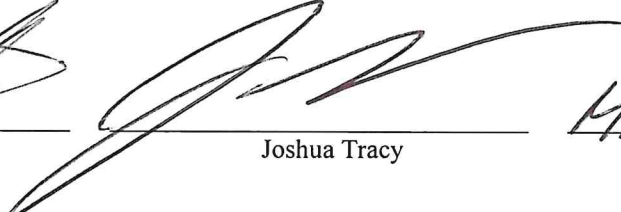
**THE NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 04, 2024, at the Fire Station (*Agenda subject to change without notice*)**

Respectfully submitted,


Town Manager



Jefferey Peters



Joshua Tracy



Michael Gould