

Town of Otisfield Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes Town Office Annex March 20, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
Chairperson; Hal Ferguson, Lenny Adler & Rick Micklon present.

2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Audience and Board members saluted the flag.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

A. Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2024. *Motion to accept minutes. LA/RM-
Unanimous.

3. **GUESTS:**

4. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- A. Recreation Director, Molly Bieby gave an update on Swimming Lessons for the summer. Baseball signups are very low so far this year, there is still time, but most likely the the kids will need to play for neighboring towns. **MB** inquired about when porta potties will be available. With the weather being so nice for the past few days more people are at the playground. **JW** will reach out to the company to see the soonest availability. **MB** also spoke about spring soccer building up. **MB** asked about the gazebo and portable snack shack. **RM** the BOS has been talking about those two projects. **HF** we will be talking about that a little bit later tonight as we are trying to prioritize town projects.
- B. **MB** said that she was interviewed for a municipality magazine that has heard such great things about our town and its recreation department. The interview will be in the April magazine.
- C. Mareen Howard for the Conservation Committee spoke about the Roadside Clean Up which is set for the 1st Saturday in May, which is May 4 with a rainy day of May 11. Volunteers are to bring their own water. **MH** will get with **JW** to order reflective vests. **MH** provided some pictures of the Trail to Two Ponds which is completely under water. Julie Ywoskus will be reaching out to the Moose Pond association to see if they have found anything about proposed water levels. **HF** the trail might need to be rerouted to area that we waked last year. **RM** DEP uses ECM erosion control which could possibly be used for paths through water.
- D. Danny Peco has noticed that some of the headstones have been toppled over with all the storms. **HF** we have the funds to fix them . **RM** asked **DP** about reaching out to Bill Cole and the best way to reach him for the cemetary fence.
- E. **MH**, Resilience Committee, George Gallant and Jim Howard will be looking into Solar Farm options for the Town buildings. Selectboard appreciates the effort.

5. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ITEMS:

- A. Property Casualty Pool Insurance-JW noted that the Pickle Ball court did not seem to be on the invoice will reach out to company and will check with MMA to have included.
 - B. *Motion to sign and record Quit Claim Deed to Sprague 274 Bolsters Mills Rd HF/LA- Unanimous.
 - C. Heating Assistance Donation from Spurrs Corner Church for \$1000.00.
 - D. Heating Assistance Donation from the Winter Carnival in the amount of \$593.00.
- HF would like to consider a policy change that allows possible exceptions for more than one time for heating assistance. To be discussed at a later time.

7. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA-

- A. JW- Lee Dazzler is looking into grant money and needs a letter of support signed by the Board. BOS signed.
- B. JW-will sign the contract with Responsible Pet Care to take the Town of Otisfield strays. The contract amount goes by our last census reflecting 1853 people living in Otisfield at \$1.45 per person for a 6 month contract which is \$1,343 (Jan 1-June 30).

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Spurrs Corner Memorial-Spring 2024
- B. ADU- (Accessory Dwelling Units)- RM received information from the Town's attorney reflecting how Affordable Housing Act from the Federal Government flows down to the State Government and Municipalities. Determines how it will apply to the Town of Otisfield in changing the building ordinances that will be presented in a Town Meeting Warrant Article.
- C. Code Enforcement Car- Lease ends in August. LA we need to start looking at 3 year leases for a vehicle that will work best for Fred.
- D. Spurrs Cornier Fire Station: * Motion to accept the proposal from Ross Cudlitz in the amount of \$3,300.00 using Contingency money for the parking lot reconstruction. HF/LA- Unanimous,
- E. Fee Schedule-Moved to next meeting

9. SELECTMEN'S ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED & VOTED ON:

- A. *Motion to pay Warrant #23-LA/HF-Unanimous
- B. New Warrant Articles- reviewed the accounts available and discussed the best ways to utilize them for the Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

10. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

- A. RM-Code office is very busy.
- B. RM-Fred Collins is feeling better.
- C. RM- Has been working on the Underground Electrical
- D. HF- JW has recorded the easement for Moose Pond
- E. HF-The 319 Grant we will be working on includes two of the town's properties. Met with the people working on the Grant and they agreed to include the two properties. Met with Ben Pratt to get an estimate of the cost to fix those two properties. A letter of support is requested from the Town. HF to prepare for BOS to sign.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. A motion may be made to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in accordance with state law to discuss personnel, real estate, labor negotiations, or legal matters.

12. UPCOMING DATES:

A. Selectmen's meeting April 3, 2024

13. ADJOURNMENT: * Motion to adjourn HF/LA – unanimous @ 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Abigail Miller, Secretary

Approved by:

Hal Ferguson, Chairman

Rick Micklon

Lenny Adler

Approved April 3, 2024