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Overseers Meeting
January 3, 2016

Attendees:

President: Jo Huntoon

Treasurer: Steve Kazilionis

Village Agent: Bill E. Paige

Tree Warden: Jane Strauss

Overseers:

Dick Brockway

Steve Flowers

Vicky Mathews

Judy Metcalf

Paul Nyren

John Spritz

John Woolsey

Visitors: Marge Brockway, Carla Paige, Bill and Gina Cressey

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Huntoon.

Minutes:

Paul Nyren stated that he had not received the notes for the November's meeting and therefore the vote on approving the minutes was tabled.

Visitors' Concerns or Requests

A request to use the Community Hall Meeting Room for a Baby Shower was reviewed and approved.

John Woolsey reported on behalf **Bayside Arts** of his efforts to secure more grant funding for lighting for the Community Hall stage. He will seek the cooperation of the Overseers in support of those applications in the form of letters such as the successful effort in obtaining the Basil Burwell Foundation Grant obtained and reported on last month.

Tree Warden: Jane Strauss introduced herself and was welcomed as the new tree warden.

Village Agent:

Bill reported the following:

- He is investigating source of water burbling up from stormwater drain at base of Griffin Street;
- He has been in contact with the town which has agreed to pay for the removal of a tree leaning/falling over Shore Road; funds and within the contract time limits.

- In response to an inquiry from John Woolsey, Bill confirmed that the dead/dying apple tree leaning over the mailboxes on George Street near the Aroostook Cottage is to be removed by the town as well;
- The new arborist (Nate Benner) still needs to provide insurance and licensing information. Bill will follow up;
- Cost estimates for a sander for the truck were reviewed. **John Spritz Moved/John Woolsey seconded: That the Village Agent purchase from Trailside a sander, with cover and vibrator, installed at a price not to exceed \$4700. VOTED: 7-0 in favor.**
- The Vacuum for the Community Hall needs to be replaced. Bill will be buying a new one.
- Bill reviewed how Oak Street is a dead end street with access only from George Street; no access from and to Oak Street via Bay Street exists nor, for erosion control, traffic safety, and preservation of the park should one be developed. If necessary, the homeowners in the area will be contacted to confirm that the Village Ramp into Blaisdell Park in the vicinity of the base of Oak Street should not be moved to create a path for vehicular access.
- The Ramp that was placed at the Thorndike cottage to accommodate Rena Thorndike's wheelchair will be removed as it is no longer needed for access to the cottage and it blocks the public path.
- Bill reported that access to the south shore bulletin board is tricky. John Spritz will review and report his observations.
- Bulletin Board at Merrithew Sq may need some repairs;
- Bill will engage the gentleman who inspected the dock to make a visual inspection of the seawall (north and south). This will give the Overseers some additional data to use when evaluating options for replacement and repair of the seawalls;
- Paul Nyren reported that he had received an estimate of \$800 for repair to the Merrithew Sq pump shelter. The estimate includes repair of roof, sheathing, and stabilizing posts. **Vicky Matthews Moved/Dick Brockway seconded: that the contractor be engaged to complete the work described for no more than \$800 and providing he demonstrates proof of insurance. 7-0**
- At the request of Dick Brockway, Bill will get prices for roofing the back side of Building #2 of the library.
- At the request of Paul Nyren, the one way sign at the base of Park Row will be turned and overseers will evaluate if this reduces the reported occurrence of wrong-way travel on the road.

Communications:

Paul Nyren reported that on November 9, 2015 the Selectmen decided not to sign the letter agreement presented by the Bayside Water Department concerning a prospective agreement to contribute to potential costs of moving the water main in light of the possibility that the footings of the new Kelly Cove bridge may put undue pressure on the main.

Finance and Treasurer's Report:

Warrants were circulated for approval.

- Steve reported that the closing on the Bond occurred;
- There are some posting and categorization issues on some expenses that Steve is cleaning up;
- Steve reviewed status of vacation pay. **Judy Metcalf MOVED/Vicky Matthews seconded that Bill Paige receive payment for two scheduled vacation days on which he work. VOTED 7-0;**
- The audit is scheduled to take place on February 23 and 24, 2016;
- There will be no change in employee benefit expenses for 2016;
- Steve reported that he has established ICS Sweep Accounts with Bangor Savings. This is done to assure that we have FDIC insurance where our cash deposits exceed \$250,000, especially in light of receipt of the bond funds;
- Steve handed out very helpful summaries of our capital project lists; reports of where we stand financially; and cash flow analyses.

Safety:

Steve Flowers reported that that cruiser is not yet sold but inquiries have been made. Overseers asked Steve to reduce the advertized price. **MOVED John Woolsey/Seconded Paul Nyren: to reduce the asking price to \$1,000. VOTED: 7-0 in favor.**

Steve Flowers was instructed to extend offers in writing to Olivia and Ellie to serve as lifeguards contingent on their obtaining open water certification. (this was voted and approved in November)

Utilities:

MOVED Judy Metcalf/Seconded John Woolsey to approve the 2016 budgets for water and sewer departments as recommended by the Utilities Trustees. Voted: 7-0.

New Business:

John Spritz reviewed the right of access laws which govern the manner in which public meetings are noticed and conducted. They also govern the manner in which email and other correspondence created by elected officials is preserved and maintained.

Maple Street:

The Infrastructure Committee reviewed two options for the resolution of stormwater run-off on Maple Street and to satisfy the article passed at Annual Meeting to pave the roadway. These were for a 12 foot wide paved surface (Option 1) and for an 18 foot wide paved surface. Costs estimates were reviewed, with the estimated costs of Option 1 being lower than that of Option 2 according to Dirigo Engineering. The Committee repeated

the report of the engineer that Option 2 is recommended but, that both options address the mission of the project – i.e. stormwater runoff -- adequately and appropriately address the water runoff. Yet, in the opinion of the majority of the infrastructure committee, Option 2 has the additional advantage of providing a safer means for vehicular use of the road and is the only option for safe two way traffic. Metcalf noted that safer access for vehicles may be inconsistent with safer access for pedestrians and safety was never part of the mandate for action on Maple Street.

The majority of the infrastructure committee and the engineer were of the view that the long term maintenance would be less burdensome on Option 2 than Option 1. Bill reviewed that Option 1 does, in fact, have paved swales at the trouble spots, not grass as reported by the majority of the infrastructure committee in comparing maintenance of both. The engineer mentioned in his letter that these paved swales were not intended for driving on.

Steve Kazilionis expressed concerns about inconsistencies in the pricing presented by Dirigo and the failure of the pricing to allocate in a consistent fashion engineering, project management, and contingencies among the three entities, the village, water, and sewer which will share the expenses.

Concern was expressed about the presumed higher price of Option 2 but all agreed that the pricing would not be known until the bids were opened.

MOVED: John Woolsey/Seconded John Spritz: that Option 2 be put out to bid with Bill Paige coordinating the publication and submission of the bid procedure with Dirigo. 4 (favor) – 2 (opposed) – 1 (abstained).

Next Meeting

Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Session: 11:40

Meeting Resumes: 11:50.

Motion to adjourn, 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Metcalf, scribe pro tem