

Selectman's Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2024

5:30 PM

Irving Tanning Community Center

Present: Jerry Martin, John Hikel and Mark Brooks

Staff: Christopher Littlefield

Several Citizens

Mark Brooks read the minutes of July 15, 2024 voted to accept with amendment "Chris stated that a few shovels of sludge from tailgate leaving the facility" voted 3-0

Unfinished Business:

Chris Littlefield read the notice put on line regarding the fire and reported that the shredder was in the fire. Doppstadt sent a representative and awaiting the insurance company appraiser.

Chris Littlefield shared the Solid Waste Ordinance and Policy, mentioned the Code of Ethics Policy, and Internal Control Policy and Procedures Review (all to be brought back for discussion)

New Business:

Motion made for Chris to fill out the Ballot for Maine Municipal Offices on behalf of the Town of Hartland voted 3-0 accept

Selectmen signed the Revenue/Expense report

Motion to move September 2 meeting to September 3, 2024 voted 3-0 accept

Motion made to make John Hikel the official representative to the KVCOG and Chris Littlefield the alternate Official voted 3/0 to accept

Other

Mark Brooks asked about when the Solar group is coming again? Chris stated that they are coming in October

There was a question about the Downtown Revitalization Plan. Robin McNeil shared a list of ideas and Mark asked that they be scanned and sent to the Selectmen. Jerry Martin asked to put on the website and Facebook.

Mark Brooks also asked about Towle lawsuit? Chris stated still ongoing and expecting a call from attorneys tomorrow.

John Hikel wanted a change made to previous minutes to reflect that the "spill" on pleasant street was sludge.

John Hikel wants to know if insurance is making the payments since we lost the shredder?

Chris stated that he didn't know if that was an option or not.

Public Forum (Agenda Items Only)

Craig Adamson (Laundry Mat Owner) asked what would happen if the lawsuit was successful. Chris stated that it would have a negative impact downtown and that is about all we can say publicly.

Several Citizens talked about the landfill fire on 7/25/24:

Were there any toxic fumes? Chris stated that yes similar to a house fire.

Is there an evacuation plan? Chris stated no as it isn't required by the DEP

How would people be notified if evacuation is necessary? Chris stated the fire department makes that decision.

Are lithium batteries in the waste that come to our landfill? Chris stated yes

Is there a way to notify folks when there are fires? Chris to research and report back to the

Selectmen.

Can we do a 911 phone alert?

Who is investigating? Town and Dep

Has the Fire Marshall been called? Chris stated no that the fire marshal would only be called if the fire was arson

Jim Towle asked if the ordinances we are introducing are because we are so late with our audit? Chris stated no that they are just improvements that the auditor suggested.

Robin McNeil stated that she feels Somerset Sheriff's department is not representing in Hartland and the Selectmen should reach out. Mark Brooks stated he has reached out and the feedback was that citizens don't always call in.

Signed Warrants

Motion to adjourn 6:56 p.m. voted 3-0 accept

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Littlefield

Approved