

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the February 3rd, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:
Richard Moore
Molly Chapman
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark
Gary Mosher Jack Easler
Chelsea Merry

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.

The summary of the January 19th, 2021 meeting minutes was accepted and signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2017 & 2018 Foreclosures

a. Bid Notices to Mail signing for March 2, 2021 (Knowles, Carbone)

Information to the board on when bid notices will be signed and sent.

b. Payment Arrangements with Belomizi & Harville

A reminder to board of the two payment agreements made.

c. Quick Claim went out for Shea/Snowman (taxes pd in full)

Notice to board that the Shea/Snowman property taxes were paid in full. Justin Furbush motioned to sign the quick claim deed releasing the foreclosed property back to the lien holder and property owner for 372 East Pond Rd.

2. Fire Dept. Tanker Truck Bond/Loan

a. Skowhegan Savings

Interest rate information requested from Skowhegan Savings bank was received. A rate of 2.5% is the lowest the town would be offered.

b. MM Bond Bank

Interest rate information received from Maine Municipal Bond Bank was received. A rate below 1% was offered. The board agreed to apply for a bond through MM Bond Bank for the Fire Department Tanker truck.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Items

a. Dumpster-CMD \$47.50, Bolster's \$57.00, WM \$75.00

An increase notice was received from Pine Tree Disposal, the towns current company that rents a dumpster for the Municipal Building. The AA check with two other local companies for rental cost, shown above. The board agreed to stay with the towns current company.

2. Town of Mercer Fire/Rescue Coverage Overview

Gary Mosher, Mercer Town Selectmen, asked the board if they would consider looking into the Smithfield Town Fire Dept. covering the Town of Mercer for Fire & Rescue for the 2022 year. The board agreed that they would put time into have one or two public hearings to get input from the town residents and go from there.

3. Town Website

The current town website's software (WordPress) is outdated. The AA received a quote of \$500.00 to update the software and the design of the current website. The board agreed to have the update done for \$500.00.

4. Waste Management Pricing 2021

The board reviewed the 2021 increase pricing for the town to use the Residential Back Gate at Waste Management in Norridgewock. The increase was capped at 3%.

5. Town Meeting Warrant

a. Cemetery Lots

The board discussed increasing the cost for purchasing a cemetery lot. The AA gathered cost from other surrounding towns. The board will change the proposed article in the Town Warrant to ask to charge \$300.00 for a 10' x 20' cemetery lot. The wording on selling half lots for \$100.00 will be taken out and the board will not entertain selling half lots.

b. Treasurer's Statement

The AA update the board on the process to create a Treasurer's Statement for the Town Warrant and starting the Bond application process by contacting a Bond Council agency.

6. Adjourn and Sign Warrants #25-20 & #1-21

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn, and sign Warrants #25-20 & #1-21. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.