

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the July 11th, 2023
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore
Laurie Landry
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Gary Witham Jay Merry
Bonnie Jones Hans Rasmussen
Tracy Austin Tim Cover
Bud Churchill Mike Moore

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

The summary of the June 20th , 2023, meeting minutes were approved as typed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Plowing/Sanding Bids

Two bids were received for the Plowing and Sanding Contract. Justin Furbush recused himself from the opening of the bids, due to his company submitting a bid. Richard Moore and Laurie Landry opened the bids and read the results. A copy of the bids are attached to these minutes. There was a lot of discussion from the attendants at the meeting. The board requested that the AA contact Legal Services of MMA to ask about conflicts of interest.

2. ARPA Funds-Estimates (need by 11/30/23)

The board discussed that the following list of items need to have estimates by November 30, 2023 to decide what items will be done with the remaining ARPA monies.

- Parking Lot Paving-Travis Warren contacting paving company.
- Storage Building-Nicky is working on this.
- Outfield-Travis is working on this.
- Infield-Justin and Travis are working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CEO Discussion on Ordinances

Hans Rasmussen, CEO discussed updating some of the town's ordinances.

2. Fencing (Justin)

Justin received a call from Molly Chapman, resident of town, about fencing that she is selling and wanted to know if the town was interested in it. The board discussed the size of the fencing being sold and what the town would need. It was decided that the fencing would not work for what the town uses it for.

3. Info from FirstPark KRDA

Information from First Park for the board.

4. Contract for Legal Services Copy

The board had voted to contract legal services with Lake & Denison LLC. The contract was signed and a copy of it is on file

5. Brown Tail Moth Grant & Info

The AA informed the board of the abundance of brown tail moths that are all over the building. The AA received details that the moths do not cause rash like when they are in the caterpillar stage. The AA will contact the State about using some of the BTM grant monies awarded for the town cemeteries on the municipal grounds if a survey is done and found that trees are infested.

6. Maine Local Roads Center Radar Speed Bid List

The Maine Local Roads Center sent out letters to municipalities asking about interest in bidding on used radar equipment. The board agreed it is not interested in purchasing and will try to get on the list for the MDOT to set up radar equipment through them.

7. Notice of Violation from CEO 65 Merrow Ln

Hans Rasmussen, CEO discussed a current septic system violation at 65 Merrow Lane that he has investigated. Hans drafted up the violation and needs the board to sign.

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the notice of a plumbing/septic violation being sent to 65 Merrow Lane. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Tax Collector Time Off Reminder

Reminder to the board that the Tax Collector's office will be closed for three weeks for knee surgery and recovery.

9. Info on Charges Related to Stabilization Program

Hygrade Business Group sent a letter explaining to the board the process that took place to implement the State's tax stabilization program and that some of the cost will be passed on to the Municipalities that they serve. The town will see an additional \$100.00 this year in the outsource invoice for tax billing.

10. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #12-23

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #12-23. Laurie Landry seconded the motion. Motion passed.