

**Minutes
Town of Skowhegan
Regular Selectmen's Meeting
5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Municipal Building – Opera House**

Board of Selectmen:

Paul York, Chairman
Gene Rouse, Vice Chairman
Betty Austin
Roger Staples

Town Manager:

Christine Almand

Executive Secretary:

Cara L. Mason

Call Selectmen's Meeting to order.

Paul York called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

1. Town Manager's Report

At the Annual Town Meeting last night, all articles were passed as written with the exception of the property tax levy limit override which was not necessary. The Town budget to be raised and appropriated is \$12,085,410.50. The net Town budget after revenues is \$8,880,881.11.

If you are a registered voter in Skowhegan and have not voted yet, please do so before polls close at 8:00 tonight.

We have received an offer of free used office furniture from the hospital. I am requesting Selectmen approval to accept this donation.

A motion was made by Betty Austin and seconded by Gene Rouse to accept the donation of office furniture from RFGH.

Vote: 4/0

Randy Gray is retiring at the end of the week. We welcome the community to stop in to congratulate him and wish him well.

AgriCulture food tour and festival are happening Saturday, June 15th. For more information contact Main Street Skowhegan or visit the website at www.agriculturemaine.org.

2. Items by the Public

Jason Gayne said that next Wednesday is business after hours at Whittemore's Real Estate. They are celebrating their 50th year.

3. Selectmen's Items

Betty Austin said that yesterday a Legislator at the State House said that Skowhegan is in the news a lot. That there are a lot of good things going on here.

Roger Staples said he was in Boston Garden watching the Bruins game...there was a banner that mentioned Gifford's World Famous Ice Cream made in a small town in Maine.

Gene Rouse said that on Sunday he was at an Eagle Scout event at the Methodist Church. Two scouts received their Eagle awards.

Gene Rouse asked Greg Dore about the pull outs for the canoes on the river. He wanted to know who is responsible for maintaining that.

Greg Dore said that Denise LeBlanc owns that stuff, but if it is something big he will get involved. He said he would take a look at it. If it is over by the swinging bridge...the power company put it in. It is not something that we have ever done any maintenance on.

Paul York thanked Randy for his years of service. He will be difficult to replace.

Recording Time: 09:54

4. Department & Committee Reports

Denise LeBlanc the Summer Food Program starts Monday. It provides free breakfast and lunch to anyone under the age of 18 all summer. Eat and Play at Coburn Park on Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. They will feed the library reading program on Wednesdays. They also will have lunch at Lake George every day, weather permitting all summer.

Next weekend is the Cal Ripkin tournament at the Community Center.

This Friday there is a Daddy/Daughter dance at the Community Center.

Saturday there is a kickoff event for the Summer Food Program.

The Community Center floors were repaired last weekend.

Paul York asked where we stand with the Route 2 Bypass Lane.

Denise LeBlanc said that they are working with a resident on West Front Street for an easement to move a CMP Pole. We are hoping to resolve that and move forward this week. Hoping that the ground work will be done and the paving will happen the first week of August.

Greg Dore said that the Highway Congress had a really good turnout this year. The weather worked out perfect.

We are almost ready for B&B to come back to finish North Avenue and Russell Road. He is going to meet with them to figure out how to fix the East River Road where the truck went off the edge.

We are ready to paint, but we need more than one day of sunshine.

Randy Gray thanked the Selectmen for their support. He thanked his fellow department heads, his staff and Christine Almand. It has been great.

Gail Pelotte said that voter turnout has been really light today.

Chief Bucknam said that the Council Room TV will be mounted on Wednesday. The first training is on Friday. It is a 3-year certification in adult mental health.

Chief Howard said that Engine 10 will be headed to East Coast Service Center to have some paint issues taken care of. It is warrantied work. We will be down one engine for three days next week.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve and sign Minutes from the following:
Regular Selectmen's Meeting – May 28, 2019
2. Accept the resignation of Carl McKenney from the Cemetery Committee effective June 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Betty Austin and seconded by Gene Rouse to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

Vote: 4/0

Recording Time: 17:01

Regular Agenda:

1. Discussion and decision to appoint the following with terms expiring June 30, 2019:
Randall Gray – Code Enforcement Officer
David Savage – Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Travis Gould – Deputy Code Enforcement Officer

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Betty Austin to appoint the Code Enforcement Office and the Deputy Code Enforcement Officers as written.

Vote: 4/0

2. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for Malt, Spirituous, Vinous License for:

Skowhegan State Fair
33 Constitution Avenue

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Roger Staples to approve the Application for Malt, Spirituous, Vinous License for Skowhegan State Fair.

Vote: 4/0

3. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Maine Farmland Trust to serve alcohol at Grassland Farm on July 11, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Roger Staples and seconded by Gene Rouse to approve the Application for Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Maine Farmland Trust to serve alcohol at Grassland Farm on July 11, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Vote: 4/0

4. Discussion and decision to approve the Special Event Vendor Application to allow Stan's Fries to set up as a food vendor for the Cal Ripkin Baseball League on June 19, 2019 through June 20, 2019.

Denise LeBlanc asked to extend that approval through June 23rd.

A motion was made by Roger Staples and seconded by Betty Austin to approve the Special Event Vendor Application to allow Stan's Fries to set up as a food vendor for the Cal Ripkin Baseball League on June 19, 2019 through June 23, 2019.

Vote: 4/0

5. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$17.20 from the Benjamin Sawyer Prize Fund for the 2019 recipient.

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Roger Staples to expend an amount not to exceed \$17.20 from the Benjamin Sawyer Prize Fund for the 2019 recipient.

Vote: 4/0

6. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00 from the Municipal Building Reserve Account, Repairs Designation to repair the awning.

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Betty Austin to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00 from the Municipal Building Reserve Account, Repairs Designation to repair the awning.

Vote: 4/0

7. Discussion and decision to waive the bid process, allow Greg Dore to join with Laney's Construction to have R.S. Pidacks, Inc. crush and screen 4,000 yards of old asphalt, and to expend an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00 from the Highway Department Streets and Sidewalks Account, Other Work Designation.

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Betty Austin to waive the bid process, allow Greg Dore to join with Laney's Construction to have R.S. Pidacks, Inc. crush and screen 4,000 yards of old asphalt, and to expend an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00 from the Highway Department Streets and Sidewalks Account, Other Work Designation.

Paul York said there isn't much of a decision since the work is already done. This has been one of his bid pet peeves. He doesn't know why this wasn't voted on meetings ago.

Greg Dore said that he turned it in to be voted on as soon as he had a confirmed price. He was not made aware that they would be here this quickly. Glen Laney knew that this needed approval first.

Greg Dore got the call on Friday morning that they were crushing.

Paul York said we knew you were going to have this crushed because it was hauled there. We didn't even have 4,000 yards up there.

Greg Dore said that he does have 4,000 yards to crush. The stuff that was moved up there was the stuff that needed to be moved to make room for the stuff from the North Avenue project.

Paul York said that this company isn't going to wait for Skowhegan to get their act together. They are on a schedule. This should have been voted on a long time ago. We didn't have a figure, but we knew that we were going to crush it.

Greg Dore said that we have been storing stuff at Laney's for two years and planning to do this. He was just waiting in Laney to get the price. When he got the price he had no idea that they would be here that soon.

Vote: 4/0

Recording Time: 24:17

8. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$13,961.70 from the Recreation Department Reserve Account, Flooring Designation for flooring replacement.

A motion was made by Betty Austin and seconded by Roger Staples to expend an amount not to exceed \$13,961.70 from the Recreation Department Reserve Account, Flooring Designation for flooring replacement.

Vote: 4/0

9. Discussion and decision to accept the Full Plate Potential Grant in the amount of \$1,800.00. There is no match for this grant.

A motion was made by Roger Staples and seconded by Gene Rouse to accept the Full Plate Potential Grant in the amount of \$1,800.00. There is no match for this grant.

Vote: 4/0

10. Discussion and decision to accept the State of Maine, Municipal Snowmobile Grant in the amount of \$20,680.80 for Skowhegan and Mercer to maintain the ITS 87 trails. There is no match for this grant.

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Roger Staples to accept the State of Maine, Municipal Snowmobile Grant in the amount of \$20,680.80 for Skowhegan and Mercer to maintain the ITS 87 trails. There is no match for this grant.

Vote: 4/0

11. Discussion and decision to accept the USDA Summer Food Program Grant. This is reimbursed based on meals served to youth.

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Betty Austin to accept the USDA Summer Food Program Grant. This is reimbursed based on meals served to youth.

Vote: 4/0

12. Discussion and decision to allow Jeff Hewett to go out to bid for a Qualified Partner for the Level 2 Vehicle Charger Grant.

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Betty Austin to allow Jeff Hewett to go out to bid for a Qualified Partner for the Level 2 Vehicle Charger Grant.

Vote: 4/0

13. Discussion and decision to allow Jeff Hewett to go out to bid for Masonry Work at the Municipal Building.

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Roger Staples to allow Jeff Hewett to go out to bid for Masonry Work at the Municipal Building.

Gene Rouse asked if that was the back corner.

Randy Gray said that that is part of it. The other part is the front entryway on Water Street.

Vote: 4/0

14. Discussion and decision to approve the 2019 through 2021 pay scales for full-time non-union hourly and salary employees, effective July 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Betty Austin and seconded by Roger Staples to approve the 2019 through 2021 pay scales for full-time non-union hourly and salary employees, effective July 1, 2019.

Vote: 4/0

15. Treasurer's Warrants to be approved:

#97	\$	42,541.90 (Payroll #22)
#98	\$	39,160.52 (Payroll #23)
#99	\$	22,745.26 (State Payables)
#100	\$	507,032.17 (FY 2019 Accounts Payables)
Total	\$	611,479.85

A motion was made by Gene Rouse and seconded by Roger Staples to approve the Treasurer's Warrants as written.

Vote: 4/0

16. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

17. Unfinished Business

- Review Policies and Ordinances
- Run of River/Economic Development
- Utilizing Outside Services
- Marketing/Celebrating Skowhegan
- Vehicle Charging Station
- Public Safety Building
- Sidewalks and Bike Trails/Lanes

18. Sign Documents

The Selectmen signed documents.

Adjourn Selectmen's Meeting.

Approved and signed on June 25, 2019.

A True Copy Attest: _____
Cara L. Mason, Executive Secretary