

Town of Eustis Public Hearing & Select Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6pm Town Office 88 Main Street

Attending:

Municipal Officers: Stephen St. Jean, Justin Wyman, & Carol Sherrier.

Municipal Staff: Rachel Williams, Anthony Lojas, Kirk Williams, Peter Farnsworth

Public: Gary Mayo, Alex Popov

Public Hearing

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm, at the Eustis Town Office. The public hearing was hosted by the Select Board. The purpose of the public hearing was to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance for October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. The Board asked if anything was different, I explained only the maximums that I go by for eligibility and such. No other comment was made.

Steve made a motion to adopt the GA Ordinance as written. Justin 2nd Steve, Justin, & Carol in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Justin 2nd Steve, Justin, & Carol in favor. Motion passed unanimously. The Meeting ended at 6:02 PM.

Select Board Meeting

Steve called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 3, 2024, as written Justin 2nd Steve, Justin & Carol in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Alex Popov came to discuss the Nadeau house property. There had been a lot of discussion on whether that would be the best place for a town garage. The board informed Alex that they have decided to demolish the house, fill in the basement, and give the land to the school. Alex said he was sad to see a part of our town's history go but understood.

New Business:

The fire dept needs a generator to run the station when we have a power outage.

Sprague sent a quote for Generators of Maine who we have our other 2 generators from. Better to keep one company to service and maintain them all. Sprague has the money in his budget.

Steve made a motion to accept the quote for \$10,980.00 for a 14KW Generator. Justin 2nd Steve, Justin & Carol in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Rachel asked the board to increase Addaline Hemingway's rate of pay. Addaline has now stepped up to do the full-time responsibilities without the benefits of the full-time position. Steve made a motion to raise Adaline Hemingway to \$18.00 per hour. Justin 2nd Steve, Justin & Carol in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Rachel asked if Mary Donohue who applied for the part time position and now works for Coplin Plantation could come and help fill in and work Monday, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

Steve made a motion to Hire Mary as a Temp and give Rachel the authority to discuss and agree on hourly wage. Justin 2nd Steve, Justin & Carol in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Admin Assistant updates:

Rachel gave an update on the Request for Franklin County for the use of the Transfer Station and Fire Department. Rachel has been working the numbers and wants to ask for about a 7% increase. Foreclosure notices went out on 9/6/2024. We had 3 properties that got notices, and all have accepted the notice of Foreclosure. They have until 10/13/2024 to pay before automatic foreclosure.

Selectboard Updates:

Steve discussed the importance of having an employee meeting with all the town employees. All staff need to follow the same policies and procedures. Rachel will put together a small packet of important policies and procedures for everyday use to go over and hand out at the meeting. Steve and Justin will attend the meeting. Once Rachel has the packet and the date will be set.

Steve has been meeting and speaking to the Housing Committee about possibly selling a piece of the Town's same property on Arnold Trail where the New and Flagstaff cemeteries are. They have a meeting next weekend and will update them at the next meeting.

Department Head Updates:

Tony spoke about concerns about how dusty the road into the Transfer Station. Andy did some grading and Tony thought Calcium was included. He asked Rachel to look at our bills and make sure we were not charged. The board suggested he buy some calcium and use town tractor to spread it. Tony also needs 2 trees cut at the transfer station. Next

year Tony will budget for all the ditches. The ditches have filled with so much form the many storms that they are not working the way they should.

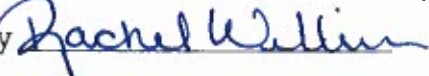
Public Comment:

Steve made a motion to allow Gary Mayo to discuss the public lot without it being on the agenda. Justin 2nd Steve, Justin & Carol in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Gary Mayo came to discuss John's lot that is being cleared by the town. He is concerned about the price we are getting for some of the wood. He also expressed concern over the bid process to hire the logging company to do the logging. Steve again said this is why we are having a meeting with all the staff to make sure we are following all the town policies.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin 2nd Steve, Justin & Carol in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A true copy, attested this 18th day of September 2024

by 

(Rachel Williams), Town Clerk, Eustis, Maine.