

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 2023

Present: Noah Bond, Heather McElroy, John Manning, Mark Vaillancourt, Andy Martin, Lisa Cooper, Bruce Rumball-Petre, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Mike Strait, Joel Cope, Jeanne Gervais, Jonah Rumball-Petre, and Maggie Machinist.

Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Updates to the Agenda: Kingdom Games Swim Letter signature.

Heather McElroy motions to allow Noah Bond to sign the approval letter for Kingdom Games to hold the annual swim on Sunday, August 6, 2023. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Andy Martin proposed to the board trading his property on Bluff Mountain for the property owned by the town on Moise Woods Road. The land which Andy owns on Bluff Mountain is surrounded by the town, and the water rights are on his property for the town's water source. Each property is equal to 100 Acres give or take, and if the deal could be done, this would protect the town's water source as well as the Bluff Mountain Trails. The board agreed that this would be a good idea, and Joel will contact the town's lawyer to see first if this could be done, and next the process in which the town would have to take to proceed.

Town Manager Report: Noah reported to the board the new projects that had come up, and upcoming items which all staff members would be working on.

The hours for all staff have changed, and the town clerk's office hours are now Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and closed on Friday. This allows people to access the Town Clerk's office later.

The road crew is now working their summer hours schedule as well. They will be working 10-hour days Monday through Friday.

CPM(Certified Public Manager) Training Determination: Noah presented to the board the opportunity for training for all Public Managers. The cost of the program would be \$2,300.00 for a two-year program, and Noah asked the board their thoughts on him attending. If the board agreed to this training, Noah would be the first Certified Public Manager in the Northeast Kingdom. John Manning motions to allow Noah to pursue the training. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the road department account and the general account.

Annual Goal Setting: Noah has been looking over the town plan and would like to set weekly/monthly goals for each board to complete some of the items listed in the town plan.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 5th, 2023, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Heather McElroy. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: John Manning informed the board that he had received complaints about people parking on Railroad Street. NO PARKING signs are posted along the street. Noah will ask the Essex County Sheriff's Department to just watch out for this.

John also informed the board that the same person complained that the sod on her front lawn had been dug up by the plows this winter and was wondering if the town would fix this. The board agreed that this was something that the town would not fix, as each property owner must deal with this annually, and they fix it themselves.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.