

**TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES**

August 23, 2023

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

I. OPEN MEETING

Millard Butler opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Millard Butler, Tammy Buswell, Gene Trojano, Jody Lyford and Leslie Merrill were present. Danielle Davis, Administrative Assistant, was absent.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Upon motion by Gene Trojano, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was unanimously voted to approve the August 9, 2023 meeting minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

- Upon motion by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Jody Lyford, it was unanimously voted to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Richard Webber.
- Upon motion by Jody Lyford, seconded by Gene Trojano, it was unanimously voted to approve the two cemetery deeds for Clukey and Archer.
- Upon motion by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Gene Trojano, it was voted 4-0 to approve the cemetery deed for Lyford. Jody abstained.

D. WARRANTS

1. Bangor Payroll # 3

Upon motion by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was unanimously voted to approve Bangor Payroll # 3

2. Expenditures #4

Upon motion by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Jody Lyford, it was unanimously voted to approve AP Warrant #4

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS – None

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Boiler Estimates – The replacement of the pump will be decided after we have learned whether we receive any of the funding from the grant that Danielle Davis applied for. The grant is to be awarded in September. Consensus of the Board was not to spend money to repair and then end up replacing the boiler.
- B. Broadband – Danielle Davis had received a call from Bruce Bussiere regarding a grant that we may be able to get funding for. He has spoken with Corinna already. He has asked for a ZOOM meeting on August 30, 2023 from 1:00-1:45 p.m. regarding this. Steve Ingalls is willing to participate in this meeting with Danielle Davis. Steve also stated TDS is applying for a grant which closes in September and is set to be awarded in November of this year.

- C. ARPA Wish List – Danielle Davis provided the Board with a list of items that had been discussed in prior meetings.
- D. Plowing Bids – Leslie Merrill and Tammy Buswell had met with the owner of Patriot’s Landscaping and Construction with further questions and Leslie went over the equipment the owner had provided. Millard Butler repeated the amounts of the bids with Gray’s Construction and Firewood at \$238,000 and Patriot’s Landscaping at \$188,750. Upon a motion by Jody Lyford, seconded by Tammy Buswell, it was voted 4-0 to award the bid to Patriot’s Landscaping. Leslie Merrill abstained as he had previously been employed by Gray’s Construction and Firewood and cited personal reasons for not voting.
- E. Playground – Jody Lyford gave an update on how the playground had initially been installed. Consensus of the Board was to put the work out to bid for the dirt work and the resetting of equipment.
- F. Loon Cove – Millard Butler had met with the resident at the end of the road regarding turning around of equipment as well as what tree limbs and rocks would need to be removed. The Board approved Millard to meet with the Road Commissioner, the trash contractor, and the plowing contractor to discuss this section of road. The Board agreed to work with the landowners on this situation. Gene Trojano made mention of the drafting up an agreement with the landowner regarding the Town not being held liable for any damage for turning in his driveway. The Board, along with the landowner who was present at the meeting, agreed with this recommendation. Millard Butler also made mention of the fact that this section of road was not part of the initial Plowing Contract. He had done the math regarding mileage and suggested adding \$1,250 to the contract bid for the additional mileage. Consensus of the Board was to allow this.
- G. Dam – Danielle Davis is still waiting for a call from the correct DEP department and for Joe Gray to reach out with a plan on repairing it.
- H. Meeting House – Tammy Buswell provided the Board with a rough draft agreement on the rental between the Town and the Church. She stated she also provided a copy to Nevin Miller. She also reported that she saw MDOT markings on the road over the culvert before Village Road and a stake and MDOT markings on the side of the road across from the Food Cupboard.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Date for Big Trash Day – The Board decided to let Doug’s Disposal/Trashbusters decide on whether October 7, 14, or 21 works best for their schedule. However, the hours will be set from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Danielle Davis to reach out to Eric to see what works for him.
- B. Senior Citizens’ Christmas – The Board agreed to do this again this year and to include kids. Any funding outside of donations will be taken from the Parks and Recreation budget. Millard Butler stated he and Tammy Buswell had done the delivering last year and recommends two other Board members do it this year.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. ANIMAL CONTROL – Tammy Buswell will reach out to Ron Miles from Foxcroft Veterinary Services to see if he is able to do this again, what date would work for him and if we want to open it up to people outside of the Town.

- B. APPEALS BOARD – Nothing
- C. CEMETERY – Leslie Merrill stated he and his crew cleaned up the debris from the fallen maple tree. There is still some clean-up left to do. He is donating the firewood to the Food Cupboard for residents who may need it and the brush will be taken to his stump dump.
- D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Nothing
- E. E911 – Nothing
- F. EDUCATION – Steve Ingalls stated school starts next Thursday and the school needs Ed Techs.
- G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE – Nothing
- H. EMT/RESCUE – Nothing
- I. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Gene Trojano to look into pricing for a dehumidifier.
- J. MEETINGHOUSE – As stated above in Old Business
- K. PARKS & RECREATION – Nothing
- L. PLANNING BOARD – Millard Butler and Jody Lyford will be following up with two residents who have an interest in joining.
- M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR – Nothing
- N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION – Nothing
- O. ROAD COMMISSIONER – Nothing
- P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDANCE – Nothing
- Q. TREASURER – Nothing
- R. WELFARE DIRECTOR – Nothing
- S. OTHER – Tammy Buswell on behalf of Danielle Davis stated Brent Dorman had been in to look at the heat pump on the front of the building as well as took measurements for the shade in the Community Center room. TRIO will be going live on September 6, 2023 regarding all of the upgrades and that this is the final step. We are still waiting for a call back from TRIO regarding a price for the module for the ability to register anything over 26,000 pounds. The audit is scheduled for the end of next month.

V. **TRAINING** – Kelli Dodge will be attending a tax lien class on September 26th and Danielle Davis will be attending MOSES training on September 28th.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Nothing

VII. **SELECTMEN COMMENTS** – Gene Trojano stated he has a new employer and will be plowing roads during the winter which may effect his ability to attend Board meetings.

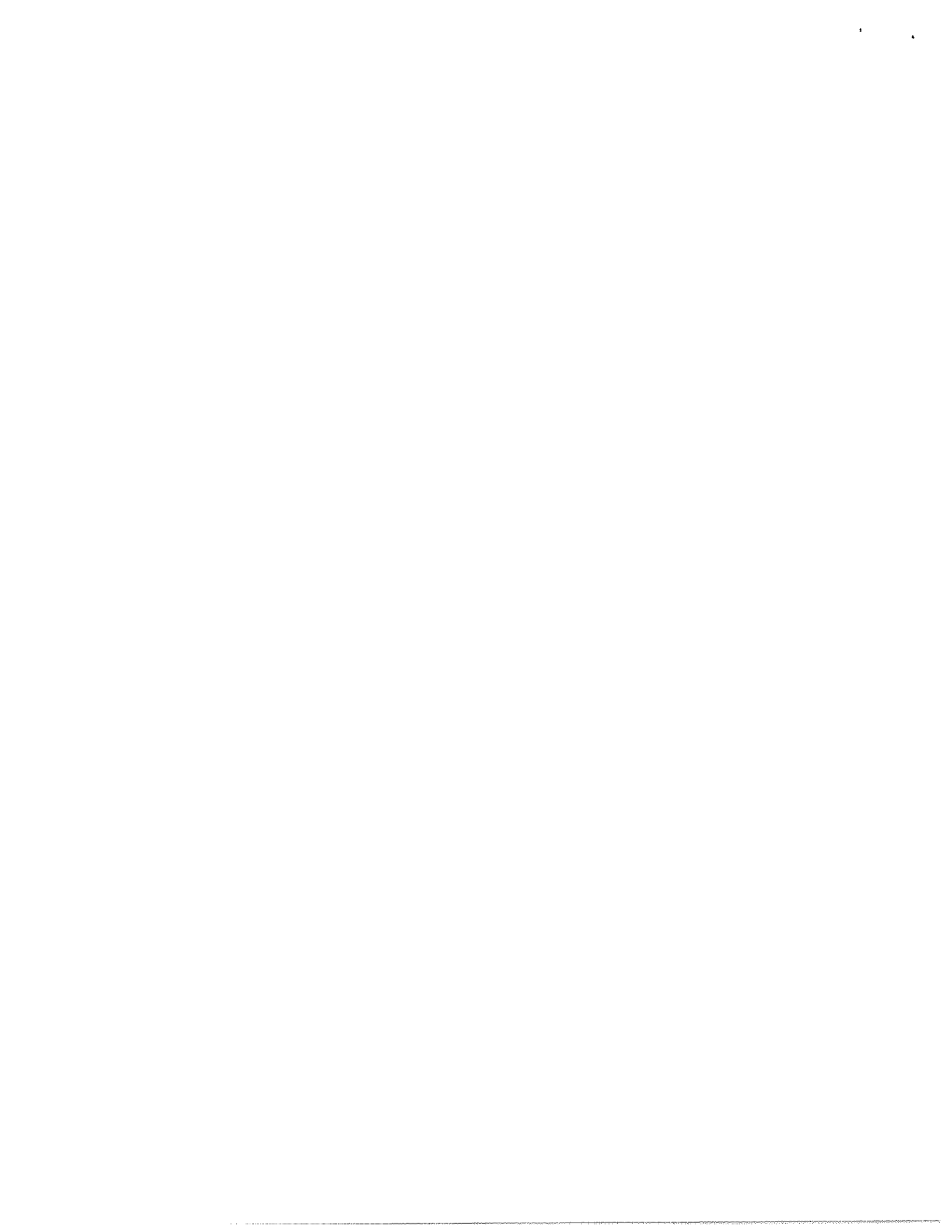
VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – 405-6(A) Personnel evaluation – Tabled until next meeting due to the employee not in attendance of the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion from Tammy, seconded by Gene Trojano, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Millard W Butler

Millard Butler, Chairman



Tammy & Buswell

Tammy Buswell, Vice Chairman

Gene Trojano

Gene Trojano

Jody Lyford

Jody Lyford

Leslie Merrill

Leslie Merrill

Respectfully submitted – Tammy Buswell

