



Selectmen's Agenda
Monday, November 6, 2023

7PM

Minutes

Selectmen present: Richard Larrabee Sr., Evelyn Duncan, John Robbins, Donna Brewer. Absent: Travis Fifield. Others: TM Billings, Will-IAV, Makayla Damon, Saige Brages.

SEDC- Tuesday, Nov 7th 7:30AM
Election Day, Nov 7th 8-8PM

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Minutes from October 16, 2023 Tabled

Weekly Warrants-Motion by John, 2nd by Evelyn to approve. 4-0

- 1. PERC plant-TM gave an overview of what she knew so far from the bidders, who placed the bid accepted, providing they can provide the rest of the funding Thermo Dynamics. Same as the one who bid for Fiberight and had issues with funds for that acquisition. TM said she is worried because eastern and northern Maine are not in a good spot with no trash options other than landfills. Did find out our contract follows the PERC plant owners. Our lawyer affirmed that, no loop holes. TM said our trash costs to haul have been over our budget-no fault of the hauler WFT, but just long waits at the landfill to get rid of our trash.**
- 2. Marijuana shops-Makayla came and gave information on what she would like to do, her thoughts on doing a medical marijuana shop on where she stays. TM said voters would have to allow this, Stonington at this point is an opt in and would need to pass some type of ordinance based on the activity. Has been reviewing MMA materials regarding it. Would have to be a petition article and Makayla had a sample MJ people have provided to people approaching towns for this MJ activity and others. Some issues that might come up is where it goes, but we don't have land use zoning to say that, can be downtown if someone applied for it. Will work on more information, with Makayla and come back to the board with what comes from the meetings.**

3. **ReVal discussion**-TM provided letter from RJD on reval price. Discussion centered around price of real estate, interest rates settling out, market might be slowing, but over the past years of Covid properties going for high prices have eaten away our certified ratio, affects homestead, rev sharing, plus makes taxes for inland parcel proportional unequal and bearing a larger burden for properties that sold high on the shore. With the school increases, discussion centered on this is a good time to do it. Board OK with it, but wants to know if they can do it this year. TM said she would check.
4. **Supt letter**-Board directed a letter for the record to go to Supt regarding his inability to meet with the Stonington Selectboard since he has been Supt, plus the CSD costs going up, no maintenance on buildings and no clear plan the Supt or the SB seems to have on keeping a good safe school. Hard to attract year round people with all our work on planning if the school is dysfunctional and not communication with town leaders. TM said she would work on drafting it with those issues.
5. **Special town meeting warrant discussion**-TM gave a time line of Monday, Nov 27 for the Special town meeting for budget areas like the Transfer Station line, Fire Dept, and other with issues from inflation costs.

Old Business-planning work is still commencing with Olvers on the Pink St brook issues, working with MDOT for some funding that might be available, would take care of the State road, but not private property. Hole by 27 fathoms will be filled in soon, still waiting on 550 sander.

New Business-signed abatements RJD did for us, foreclosed properties have been done. Looking into two 330 tanks for diesel for the town garage, needs a containment system for it. will work with PW crew on it before winter. Dick, what about SDI bridge corner, TM said she is talking to MDOT on it.

Adjourn-Motion by John, 2nd by Evelyn to adjourn. 4-0

Richard Lurabee Eugene D. ...

John ... _____

Donna ...