

Town of Amherst Maine

Selectman Meeting

December 15, 2021 6:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Westley Ellington

In Attendance

Phil Deckers, Crystal Butterfield, Wes Ellington

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

The Selectboard voted 3-0 to approve the previous month's minutes

Approval of Warrant

The selectboard voted 3-0 to approve the current warrant

Roads

- Annual salt contract was signed

School

- No New Business

Town Office

- Reviewed Annual Budget and Current Expenditures (Budget Health)
- A meeting was held with a Machias Savings Bank and all documentation formalizing the change were completed and signed.
 - The select board will work with Karen Bridges to move money from existing accounts and close those accounts as needed
- The select board voted 3 to 0 to move forward with credit cards for Wes Ellington, Crystal Butterfield, Phil Deckers, Deanne Deckers, and Karen Bridges.
 - All credit cards will have a \$1000 limit except for Phil Deckers card Which will have a \$5000 limit to manage road needs
- The select board reviewed the 2017 and 2018 audits and findings and have since discussed resolution
 - The select board plans to meet with Karen Bridges at the next scheduled Select board meeting to discuss audit findings and banking changes
- Selectboard signed a supplementary assessment letter for Paul Ganhem's tree, growth penalty, and left this for Deanne Deckers
 - Mark Gibson call Mel the penalty notification to Paul Ganhem

Correspondence

- The Selectboard reviewed the letter sent by Celeste Cram to the town of Amherst regarding an alleged illegal junkyard
 - Wes Ellington will reach out to MMA to determine the towns involvement in the situation
 - In past discussions on the matter it was explained to the Ahearn's that if they were interested in operating a junkyard, they would have to apply with the state of Maine as the town of Amherst has no ordinance against junkyards. Being that the law is at the state level in Selectboard will confirm with the state of Maine on whether the town of Amherst has an obligation to step into the situation.

Other Business

- The select board reviewed the proposed land-use permit document which was provided by Debbie Palman
 - The planning board must vote on changes
 - Wants to select board receives the proposed application, which has been voted on by the planning board in Selectboard will review and vote on changes
- Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:08 PM
 - Passed 3-0

Next Meeting

January 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM; Amherst Town Hall