

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting June 27, 2023

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Brian Monahan

In Attendance: John Chicarello-BLCOA Treasurer; Susan Higgins, Charles Harrill

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

Members of the Bow Lake Camp Owners Association (BLCOA) came before the Board concerning the July 3rd fireworks and recent circumstances. After receiving notification from the vendor booked, Atlas, had been sold to Pyrotechnics, there was miscommunication resulting in the Town being bumped from the vendor's schedule. Because of the late date, it was thought that the fireworks would have to be cancelled. Resolute, one of the members was able to secure Central Maine Pyrotechnics to provide their services for July 3rd, making certain that the Town will have fireworks. All the necessary paperwork has been submitted by the new vendor and the Fire Chief and Police Chief have approved the application. There is no rain date. With growing costs, the Board suggested that donations be collected. Susan Higgins also suggested a committee be formed for the fireworks. The Town is merely a sponsor of this event, and this would be up to BLCOA and the Bow Lake Community Club.

Sue Higgins, President of the Bow Lake Community Club, submitted to the Board the State's approval for the events at the beach area throughout the summer.

The Board thanked the BLCOA and the Bow Lake Community Center for their corroboration, efforts, and dedication ensuring the Town of Strafford fireworks for July 3rd.

The Selectmen approved and signed the payment of bills and payroll. The Minutes of the Selectmen's Work Session from the June 13th was read and approved. Correspondence was read and will be discussed at the next meeting when the full Board is in attendance.

Because the School is a designated emergency center, there is a need for a generator. This has been discussed for several years. Deb Hinrichsen, Chairman of the School Board, reached out to the Selectmen relaying that the Superintendent is willing to write a grant that would allow the school to acquire a generator. The Selectmen appreciate the Superintendent's willingness to take the necessary steps in researching this possibility.

A newspaper notification was read and approved for a public hearing concerning the placement of stop signs in the Whig Hill area. Other miscellaneous correspondence was read and discussed.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.