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KIRBY SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 5, 2025, 2025 6:00 pm

The Selectboard met at the Kirby Town Hall on May 5th, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Keith Isham at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were: Selectpersons:

Keith Isham, Michael Bickford and Jeffrey Hayes

John Ohina – Road Foreman

Erin Patoine – Town Clerk

Representative Deb Dolgin

Chris Paquette – Maple Leaf Construction

Eric Wilson – Town Resident

Additions:

Town Treasurer Erin Patoine spoke about her meeting with Ken Linge (VT Bond Bank) and Eli Emerson (Primmer and Piper). They were trying to find a way for Kirby to use their funding without having to prepay invoices. It was decided that the loan from fall 2024 and loan from spring 2025 would be swapped, as the first one had less restrictions. They also said they could bump the new loan to one million, and accept invoices for requisition requests. The Selectboard signed all paperwork involved.

Deb Dolgin was in attendance to discuss what’s going on at the state house. She spoke of unrealistic electric truck expectations for municipalities. She has supported delaying this change. She also said that the school district changes are more encouraging, as they are saying that the rural schools will not be treated the same as the ones on the western side of the state.

Eric Wilson was present to update the Ride for Mo event happening Saturday, May 10th. He will be building a small bridge this week for the riders to cross the water on Ridge Road where the bridge is out. He has provided the Town Clerk with an insurance policy for the event, and everything is a go.

Chris Paquette (Maple Leaf Construction) was in attendance to request some upfront payment from the town to order trusses and other materials for the new garage bay. The Selectboard agreed to do three payments. They will do 1/3 now, 1/3 after the frame and concrete are complete and the final 1/3 payment at completion of the project.

Keith Isham made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st, 7th, 17th and 28th Selectboard meetings. Jeff Hayes seconded. So voted.

Road Report - John Ohina stated that sand delivery is happening this week. He asked the Selectboard if he should pursue guardrail for Mud Hollow, North Kirby Rd and the corner by the sand pit. The Selectboard gave the go ahead.

Keith Isham signed the NEKCV Representative Appointment form appointing Dana Caspersen and Malcolm Doak as Kirby’s Representatives.

The Selectboard signed a contract for Rowden Brothers. This was an overdue contract for the town roller.

Road Construction Updates: Mike Bickford stated that Matt Young has three confirmed bidders for the Town Engineer position. Bids are due by May 16th.

Selectmen reviewed bills and signed orders.

The next regular Selectboard meeting will be held Monday, June 2nd at 6:00 pm.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Keith Isham, seconded by Jeffrey Hayes. So voted.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Town Clerk