

**Town of West Gardiner
Minutes of Meeting**

Feb 8, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Gary Hickey II

Dee Berglund came in to observe the Select Board on Thursday evening. Dee will be one of the individuals running for Select Board this year.

Fire Chief and Assistant Chief came in-in reference to the new fire truck that will be delivered this week.

Richard Bourque came in to discuss whether he would be taking over Clough's Cemetery on the Collins Mills Road. He will not this year. Mr. Clough passed away and his son Delbert will be taking care of the cemetery at this time after speaking with Sylvia Clough.

Richard will now be doing the lawn care at our new Historical Society.

Richard also spoke about an increase in pay of \$2,000.

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Feb 15, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Gary Hickey II

Our Transfer Station Supervisor Bob Weeks came to discuss the budget for this upcoming year.

Bob also spoke about updates needing to be done by the metal and demo bin wall. He's checking on prices for precast blocks. Also need to possibly look at ways to repair the cracked pavement in front of the recycle bins.

Bob spoke about his shoulder injury and will be going to the doctors next week on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 for further update.

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Feb 22, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Gary Hickey II

Dee Bergland came in to observe.

Kathryn O'Brien and Chris Brann came in to explain the sales of Alfred Brann's lots on First Street.

William Grady called—the attorney wants a “No Action Waiver” so the transfer can go through. They will send it to the town.

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Feb 29, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Sgt. Chris Rogers and the Road Commissioner, Gary Hickey discussed posting roads in the spring.

Tammy & Gary Hickey came into reference an address for the solar farm located on the Pond Road. Also discussed Senior lunch prices will be going up this year. Looking for a new catering lowest price for 6 months for 75 people-an estimate of \$10,606.73.

Casey Peacock and Steve Mason came in for signatures for Bob Manning to sell his property.

Motion made by Gary II to reappoint Mike Gross as Fire Chief. Seconded by Randy. Approved

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Mar 7, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

No appointments this evening:

Visitors: Dee Berglund, Chris McLaughlin

Signed payroll, signed accounts payable, and reviewed and approved the Town Report.

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March 14, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Held a Public Hearing for three ordinance amendments as well as town meeting/voting.

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March 21, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Visitor: Chris McLaughlin

Ingrid Stanchfield and Nicole Cooley came to discuss the Kennebec Valley Boys & Girls Club to talk about the budget as well as answer questions.

Jason Blount came in to discuss the hiring process at the transfer station.

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March 28, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Visitor: Deidra Berglund

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed came in to answer any questions the Board may have. They will have representatives attending the Town Meeting.

Betty Benner came in to ask questions.

Tammy Densmore came in to ask a question about selling Janet Stevens house.

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April 4, 2024

Present:

CLOSED SNOW STORM

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April 11, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Bob Weeks came in with starter bid specs for work at the transfer station.

Fire Chief Mike Gross came in to inform us of the new OSHA Fire Brigade Standards update.

Steve McGee came in with the deed for roads in Rabbit Ridge to be turned over to the town as approved at the town meetings in 2023 & 2024.

911 coordinator Tammy Hickey and Road Commissioner Gary Hickey came in for two road names and informed us the one-ton truck should be ready in about one month.

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April 18, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Select Board signed a sub-division.

Fire Chief came in—the boat that was donated should be donated to the association.

William Korth came in to ask a question on his property. Field Stone Drive

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April 25, 2024

Present: Greg Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Bob Weeks, our Transfer Station Supervisor came in. He's going to hire Bill Beaulieu to weld the debris can. Bob will also keep us updated on his shoulder surgery.

Will Adams came in to ask questions on how the town assesses properties. He also asked about participating in town meetings when out of town.

911 Coordinator came in about addresses in town.

Tim Somes came in for a meeting with the Select Board that the Select Board requested.

Jack Donohoe came in to inform the Select Board he is no longer growing in barn. The Board will go for a walk-thru at 5pm on May 9.

CEO, Casey Peacock came in to go over questions on Bob Manning's property sale.

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May 2, 2024

Present: Greg Couture, Randy Macomber

Tim Hall came in about what he owns, and his daughter Kristen has for property and equipment.

TOWN OF WEST GARDINER SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

05/09/2024

Present: Gregory A Couture, Randall W. Macomber & Gary M. Hickey II

Selectboard went to a resident's house. Jack Donohoe, to look at a barn that he is no longer using for business purposes.

Selectboard signed documents from Bernstein Shur & voted to accept the proposal for a TAN loan through Kennebec Savings Bank in the amount of \$860,000.

Resident Betty Benner came in to talk about the town's valuation and what her property is valued at.

Gary Hickey the Road Commissioner came in to discuss an issue with the 2015 Plow Truck. Plow Truck is having an issue with the "A-Box". Truck is currently at O'Connor's.

Resident Jim A. Fish and CEO Casey Peacock were in to discuss Jim moving his camp and putting a foundation underneath it.

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May 16, 2024

Present: Greg Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II (Gary Late)

George (Chummy) Dawbin came in asking who takes care of dead deer.

Bob Weeks came in regarding the bid specs for the transfer station.

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May 23, 2024

Present: Greg Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

No minutes. No meetings

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May 30, 2024

Present: Greg Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Bob Weeks, our Transfer Station Supervisor, came in to talk about options in repairs at the transfer station.

911 Coordinator came in with new addresses in town.

Our Road Commissioner came in to talk about the repairs to the plow truck that is at O'Connor Motors.

Louis Brann came in regarding how much land he owns.

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June 6, 2024

Present: Greg Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Tom Valley came in to ask questions on taxes.

We discussed increasing the price of burial plots. Increasing the price to \$300.00 beginning July 1st.

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June 13, 2024

Present: Greg Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II (Gary left at 6:00pm).

Pat Sirois came in to discuss ongoing issues on Cold Stream Road.

Tim Somes with an update. Informed him to come back in on 7/11.

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June 20, 2024

Present: Greg Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Fire Chief, Mike Gross, came with a revision to the cost recovery contract.

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June 27, 2024

Present: Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

DEP Representative John came in--

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July 4, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

HOLIDAY

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July 11, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Our Road Commissioner and other interested parties came in regarding Monkey Lane. Mark Burke spoke of a 1965 law that may affect ownership. Mark & Mary-Ellen Burke, Eliza Burke, Gary & Tammy Hickey, and Brandon Ellis. The town will be looking into this.

Barbara Moore came in regarding her taxes. Satisfied with the answer.

Cynthia Smith (Cold Stream Road) came in to talk

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July 18, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Trudy Richards came in concerned with the assessment of her property this year.

Tim Somes came in- 6 cars dug out, 2 gone, 2 in prep...etc.

Ray Allen came in to discuss his property taxes as well.

The Road Commissioner came in: paving bids to be opened next week. Bids were sent to Crooker Construction, Pike Industries, and Glidden Excavation and Paving.

Brenda McCamish came in she'll be doing more research and will make another appointment.

Bryan & Kathleen Lawson came in about the assessment on their property.

Joe & Brenda Gero came in with questions on their assessment and taxes.

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July 25, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Opened paving bids at 6:00 with the Road Commissioner, Pike Construction received the bid.

Phil & Shirley Chadbourne came in regarding their tax assessed value—they will submit an abatement request.

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August 1, 2024

Present: Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Paul Mansir came to meet with the Board wondering why the tax increase on the camp on Northfork Lane. He advised a neighbor recently sold for \$415,000. He did not think his property was worth more. Paul was advised to fill out an abatement form and set an appointment to meet with the Board of Assessment.

Christian Poulin had questions on his two lots on the Lewiston Road. The trailer on one lot-asking about the usage on the lot with Accessory Dwelling Unit. He has filled out an abatement form.

Robert Radley came in- about questions on his evaluation and comparable to other houses on his road. He will be filling out an abatement form.

Susan Shaffer came in- with evaluation/taxes seem to understand after answering her questions. Still given abatement forms.

Analisa Gallant came in regarding questions on assessment/tax on her home. Her home isn't on a foundation. She was given abatement forms as well.

E-911 Coordinator came in with some new addresses- 42 Emery Lane, 57 Farm Cottage Road, 16 Roberts Way, 13 Sirois Road.

Our Road Commissioner came in asking West Ridge Road status and final revisions. (May need shoulder work at Amy's Way)

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August 8, 2024

Present: Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

5:15 pm- Randy & Gary went to Mike Wing and Susan Emmet's house for an abatement inspection on his shed.

5:30 pm- Randy & Gary also went to Jennifer Morris's house for an abatement inspection.

5:45 pm Tammy our E-911 Coordinator came into report some new addresses— Robert Whidden an address change from #16 to #19 Stetsons Way. Brad Hendrickson had an address change from #5 to #18 Stetsons Way. Shawn Tyler a new address to 20 Stetsons Way. William Hickey was given a new address of 69 Hickey Cabin Road.

6:30—George Sechagen went over to his home for an abatement inspection on his garage. \$70,000 increase on his evaluation.

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August 8, 2024

Present: Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Gary Hickey, Road Commissioner, came in to advise us St. Laurent who did our winter sand last year, sold. There may be issues with this year because of the contract that was signed last year.

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August 9, 2024

Present: Gary Hickey II

Tom Valley, Tammy Hickey, and Gary

Tom questioning the road name he's putting in off Townhouse Road.

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August 15, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

5:15pm—Pat Sirois No show

6:00pm—Went to Robert Radley's property to reevaluate taxes?

6:30pm—Went to reevaluate taxes on Brian Lawson's property.

Betty Benner came in to ask questions on assessments.

Our Fire Chief, Mike Gross, came in with a report.

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September 5, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

4:45pm- opened sand bids

5:00- 7:15pm Visited five residents for abatement request:

Eric Gosline

Christian Poulin

Kevin Stanton

Victoria Watkins

Paul Mansir

7:25pm Tim Somes came in with an update on vehicles removed from his property.

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September 12, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

**Visited two abatement requested:
Mercedes Wayne -was not home.
Cynthia Severance**

E-911 Coordinator came in with new addresses in town.

Our Road Commissioner came in to talk about some town issues. MMA Insurance documented.

Aurele Gorneau II came in—about abatement.

Cynthia Smith came in about Farmer Key.

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September 19, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber (Gary II at training)

The Select Board went to three properties for abatement requests:

Emma Blaisdell

Aurele Gorneau

Analisa Gallant

Tim Hall came in re: dozer and Q-hut

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September 26, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Gary Hickey II

(Randy sick)

Went to Tim Halls to look at his Q-hut.

**6:00 pm held a Public Hearing to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance.
Motion by Tom Valley, seconded by Angie Phillis. Discussion. Motion passed.**

Alyssa Pekins came in about selling off parts of her property.

Gary Morissette came in regarding taxes. He will be filling out an abatement request.

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October 3, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Mary Morris came in regarding getting their homestead exemption-- the form was submitted after the deadline of April 1st.

Bob McGuire came in about their valuation. He will submit an abatement form.

Susan Potter came in as well regarding her valuation. She will be submitting an abatement request.

Nancy (Goodwin) Jacobs called about getting a road address.

Eric and Michelle Walker came in to ask questions regarding an assessment.

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October 10, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Curt Madsen came in about land on Primrose Lane. Looking for some history we do not have.

Rodney and Marion Murphy came in to ask questions about their property.

Tim Somes came in with an update on his property.

Ed Pritchard came in regarding taxes and assessments. He plans on submitting an abatement request.

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October 17, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

**A resident came in to make a complaint about Joe Glidden and an alcohol issue.
They will file a formal complaint.**

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October 24, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Tim Hall came in regarding his abatement.

E-911 Coordinator came in to turn in some new addresses in town.

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October 31, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

The Select Board went to Stoneham Drive to reassess a property for an abatement request.

The Select Board vote 3-0 to increase the limit of expending town funds without going out to bid from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

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November 7, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Andy Kokernak came in with a sub-division plan for approval.

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November 14, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Gary Hickey, Road Commissioner and Corey Gero came in about Corey delivering sand to residents in need. Corey also had other issues to cover regarding his personal business he has in town.

Tim Somes came in to go through his progress. He is scheduled to come back on 12/19/24 for another update.

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November 21, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Fred Merrill came in this evening to ask when our town flags will be taken down.

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November 28, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

NO MEETING OFFICE CLOSED

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

**Town of West Gardiner
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December 5, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

The Select Board conducted a job interview for the Transfer Station.

Tammy Hickey came in with old cemetery drawings that were found at Nancy O'Laughlin's home.

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December 12, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

WGFD Association members, Chris McLaughlin, Nick St. Amand, Kevin Perkins came in to talk with the Select Board about a letter the Association received from the Select Board.

Brad McFarland came in with a amended sub-division plan.

(Greg left at 5:45 pm)

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December 19, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

The Select Board conducted four interviews for the Transfer Station.

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December 26, 2024

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Representative Mike Soboleski came in to talk about some issues going on with MSAD #11 School Board member recall ordinance.

E-911 Coordinator came in with new addresses in town.

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January 2, 2025

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Our Fire Department Chief, Mike Gross came in with some WGVFD updates.

Chris Rogers came in to talk about an issue with Rockwood Estates.

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January 9, 2025

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Our Fire Chief, Mike Gross came in to update us on the department's ideas on vehicles.

The Manager of Fuller's Market came in about the rental he wants to put in on his property.

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January 16, 2025

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Jack- Chair, of the New Mills Dam came into update us on their plans.

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January 23, 2025

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

Jack Donahoe came in with an abatement request. He will make an appointment for the Select Board to reassess his home.

Fire Chief, Gross came in with some updates.

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January 30, 2025

Present: Gregory Couture, Randy Macomber, Gary Hickey II

The Select Board had a 5:00 appointment@ John Donohoe's home to reassess his property. John had turned in an abatement form.

They also had a meeting @ 6:00 @ the Auxiliary Hall with members of the Cobbossee Watershed.

Our Road Commissioner, Gary Hickey came in @ 5:30 to discuss an issue with the Town Garage. (snow of the High Street bridge) that we the town was not responsible for.

Corey Gero came in to discuss possible changes to this Cannabis Business.