

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

January 26, 2015

Present: Larry Straus, Robert Meagher, Doon Hinderyckx Joanne McDonnell

Guests: Jola Labejsza, Martha Slater, Nancy Woolley

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm

Larry asked to add discussion of a letter of support from the selectmen for the Catamount Trails Association grant under New Business.

Robert made motion to accept the minutes from the Jan12, 2015 regular meeting with one spelling change, seconded by Doon. So voted.

Robert made motion to accept the minutes from the Jan 12, 2015 Public Hearing for the "new park", seconded by Doon, so voted.

Guests: Jola Labejsza spoke on behalf of the Library Trustees. There is an ongoing problem with the new ramp at the Library. It is very icy this winter, and it is not recommended to use any salt on concrete. Larry and Doon have both delivered buckets of sand to the Library recently. Jola noted that the maintenance man cannot carry the heavy buckets. Short discussion ensued, and the best solution would be to find a volunteer to take care of this. Larry noted that he can do it if he has notice, but possibly a high school student would be willing. Discussion continued. It was decided that the librarian or Rich should keep track of how low the sand is getting, and call Larry to let him know when sand will be needed within a couple days. Jola also asked about the handicap parking space. The sign just arrived and it will be installed at the space south of the front walk. Jola also asked if Rich Mathieson (maintenance) is covered under workers comp insurance, which he is through VLCT. Short discussion of Library maintenance ensued. If in an extreme situation the ramp is not safe to use, it should be roped off and the library probably closed. There is a "special" salt that can be used on occasion that will not do as much damage to the concrete, and some should be purchased to have on hand. Nancy noted that the snowbanks on the two sides of the sidewalk entry on Rt 100 are getting very tall, and it's becoming difficult for drivers to see pedestrians. All agreed that the weather this month has not been cooperative.

New Business: The board reviewed the information received from several other town clerks regarding the PACE program that Jeff Gephardt brought before them at the 1/12/15 meeting. Those participating clerks that responded to the question said that the program has not been utilized at this time. No one had a clear outline of how the billing would fit into the normal tax collection, or if NEMRC would even program changes into their tax collection software to account for it. After discussion, the board agreed that there is not enough information about the program to include it in the warning for this year. If those people who would like to see it become a town program can present it in a clear way, they would consider it for next year's town meeting. Doon made motion to table this until a more informed argument is presented, seconded by Robert. So voted. The March 2, 2015 Warning was reviewed and approved. Doon made motion to adopt the warning, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Doon made motion to approve a Park Use application for a wedding on the Park on September 12, 2015, seconded by Robert. So voted.

The mowing bid for the upcoming mowing season was discussed. The ad will go in the Herald for two weeks and the board agreed to have bidders submit a per time amount for the "new park". If construction begins, mowing will not be needed every week.

Larry noted that Lake Sunapee Bank has not responded to the town's response to their request for the Pierce Hall subordination agreement.

Larry noted that the meeting scheduled this week regarding possible grant sources for new water meters will be cancelled due to weather. There could be up to \$35,000 available.

Larry noted that there will be a Special Selectboard Meeting on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm to review the engineering bids and proposals received for the Sidewalk Scoping study and the Beans Bridge Disaster Recovery design project.

Both projects had a good response; seven or eight bids were received for both projects. Rita Seto of TRORC is administrator for the Sidewalk Scoping grant and forwarded an evaluation sheet using a point system for aspects of the work. There are eight categories used with this point system, and all the information has to be pulled from each proposal. Larry urged both Doon and Robert to look through the proposals before Friday to familiarize themselves with them. He will email copies of all proposals. The bids will be evaluated, and possibly a contract will be awarded.

The Certificate of Highway Mileage will be added to the agenda for Friday's meeting.

Joanne noted that Dimmicks will be about \$300 less per season for port-o-lets than Dundon. Short discussion. Larry asked her to see if Dundon can meet the price.

Larry presented the board members with a copy of a letter he drafted in support of the Catamount Trail Association who is applying for grant funding to do "glading" trail work in conjunction with RASTA, our local trails group. RASTA is a chapter of Catamount, and one of RASTA's founding ideas was to create economic development with mountain biking and back country ski trails locally. The board agreed to send the letter of support. Doon made motion to execute the letter, seconded by Robert. So voted.

The board reviewed the Selectboard report for the town report. Larry will add some basic info on the WIFI hotspot at the office and will get it to Nancy to include with the report.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell