

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

April 27, 2015

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Jim Bowen, Robert Meagher, Joanne McDonnell

Guests: Martha Slater, Susie Smolen, Russell Stuebe, Terry Severy, Dan Gendron, Tim Bowen, Deb Matthews, Nancy Woolley, Robert Gardner

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm. Robert made motion to add the CDBG sub grantee agreement with TRORC to the agenda, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Guests: Susie Smolen noted that as part of the administrative group for the Suzuki program, she'd like to ask that the crosswalks be painted again before the program which runs from July 12th through July 17th.

Russell Stuebe owns the house that borders the town office parking lot. He is asking if two of the signs could be removed completely so they can plant more garden area along the parking lot. Short discussion. The board agreed that this will be acceptable, and Dan agreed to remove the signs/posts.

Deb Matthews asked the board for an update on the information she had provided regarding her property on Oak Lodge Rd. She told the board that she would review the information with them if they would like, Robert will call her. Deb noted that she does not want to go through another summer of having heavy equipment on the road. Short discussion ensued about a tree that was cut into the road over the weekend and was reported to the State police.

Utility: Terry noted that he is looking into a different avenue on the large meters needed for four locations in town. He is waiting for a call back from the person he's been dealing with. Neptune did not give him a price on the "regular" meters yet either. The large meters that will need to be read by hand will be the Elementary and High Schools, Huntington House Inn and Sanatan Gardens. Short discussion ensued. The last frozen water line thawed on Sunday, and only the Town Garage water line is leaking. Terry told the board that the spring walk around with Phelps has been rescheduled for next week. Robert Clark of Phelps will contact John A.

New Business: Martha noted that she had a call from a Little Hollow resident who was upset about the road condition. Discussion ensued. Jim noted that the Braintree Road foreman will not allow us to truck over his roads to get to Little Hollow, so we can't do anything at the moment. Larry noted that we have budgeted the same amount for gravel for years, even though the cost increases and the amount we have to use decreases. The board agreed that this will have to be looked at seriously during budget and finance time.

Robert noted that he has applied for a Structures Grant to hire an engineer to help plan the fix for Bethel Mtn Rd from Brook Street up approximately ½ mile. The steep side is eroding away even though we have tried to fix it at least twice. He also applied for a structures grant for Buttles Rd and a paving grant for approximately 2 miles of road. Short discussion ensued about the requirements requiring road and culvert inventory for FEMA. TRORC performs the culvert inventory, the State does the bridge inventory and the Town should have a retaining wall inventory. It is possible we could find some hazard mitigation funds for a Bethel Mtn Rd fix. Robert will contact Rita Seto of TRORC when he is filling out the Better Back Roads grant.

The board looked over the Civil Ordinance for variable rate pricing for municipal solid waste collection. This is a state mandated ordinance, and after short discussion, Robert made motion to move forward on warning the adoption of this ordinance seconded by Jim. So voted. Joanne will get to the paper on Tuesday. Joanne noted that she was given a notice that states any place with garbage cans (i.e. park, athletic fields) must also have recycle bins available. Short discussion ensued.

Doon made motion to approve Sandy's Bakery's outdoor consumption liquor license, seconded by Jim.

Robert Gardner, Emergency Management Coordinator told the board that he has reviewed our local Emergency Operating Plan, and it is broken down into two plans. One is the "federal plan", which is very generic and created to fit any city in the U.S. The other plan is specifically geared to the Town. He feels that even though it's been a few years, an "after action review" of Irene would be helpful to see what was addressed and how, and to help create guidelines for the future. Lengthy discussion ensued. Rob told the board that he will create a "work plan" and bring it back to the board for discussion. Larry will forward the hazard mitigation plan to Rob also.

It was noted that the roof of the bandstand on the Park needs to be repaired. Eric Belanger had done a quick fix last year while working on the structure, and told Doon that it really should be fixed soon. Board will check the budget and see how this can best be completed.

Robert made motion to appoint both Julie Martin and Sandy Haas to succeed themselves on the Planning & Zoning board based on P&Z's recommendation, seconded by Jim. So voted.

The late fee for dog licensing amendment to the original dog and wolf hybrid ordinance was quickly reviewed. The board agreed to amend that amendment from \$2 per day to a flat \$5 late fee. Robert made motion to amend the dog ordinance late fee from \$2 per day to \$5 flat fee, seconded by Jim. So voted. Joanne will print an amendment for the board to sign and get into the paper.

The board approved the Park use application for the Farmers Market, to be held on Friday afternoon/evenings, 3:30-7. Short discussion about parking and location ensued.

The Town was awarded a sub-grant for the "new park" at the Lillard buyout properties north of town. Robert made motion to execute the sub grant, seconded by Jim. So voted. Larry reminded the board that last year it was voted to use revolving loan funds for the matching

funds. Mary Russ of White River Partnership and Matt Murawski of Dubois & King will be notified that the grant was awarded so we can move forward with the project.

Robert made motion to table the Administrative Assistant job description until the May 11th meeting, seconded by Jim.

Bills were reviewed, warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell