

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

June 1, 2015

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Robert Meagher, James Bowen

Guests: Martha Slater, Terry Severy, Dan Gendron, Emily Miller, Chris Mattrick, Nancy Sanz, Tom Pierce, Larry Straus, Nancy Maston, Ken Beattie

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm. No amendments to the agenda were made.

Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jim, so voted.

Guests: Emily Miller explained the Memo of Understanding between the Town, White River Partnership and US Forest Service. The Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association works with communities to prevent the spread of non-native invasive plants in the Upper White River watershed. Robert made motion to appoint Walt Pruiksma as the Rochester representative for this MOU. So voted. Nancy Sanz asked to store the CVY pool table in the old firehouse temporarily. Robert made motion to approve, seconded by Jim. So voted. Chris Mattrick spoke to the board as baseball coach. He would like three trees removed that are on the hillside between the field and the parking lot that hang into the actual line of play. Also, they would like to have a place to store all the equipment right at the field. Julie Marsh has an outbuilding on her property that she has donated to the athletic department which would work perfectly. Short discussion ensued. Doon asked Chris to present a brief description of the building and the site to the planning board for approval, and noted that they meet tomorrow, June 2, 2015. As long as the Planning board approves, the Board will approve as well. Chris will flag the trees in question so the board can look at them. Tom Pierce would like to know when the roads will be graded. Dan thought they could get to it within a couple weeks. Short discussion ensued. Juli Reiderer asked the board to sign the VCDP sub grantee agreement for the Park House work. Doon signed the agreement.

New Business: The board reviewed the certificate of no appeal for the 2014 Grand List as presented by the Listers. Park House applications for commitment ceremony, wedding and an ice cream kick off for the Library were approved but not signed. Robert made motion to approve, so voted.

VLCT has requested that Terry Severy needs to be paid as an employee from here on, not as a contractor. The board agreed to discuss this in executive session after the June 8, 2015 meeting.

Net metering proposal is not quite ready; this will be tabled until further information is available.

Recycling bids were reviewed. Only one received from Roger Vesper, who is our current recycling hauler. His bid amount is for \$1175.00 per month with the right to increase to \$1200 per month if fuel costs increase. Short discussion ensued. Discussion continued regarding how to have trash and recycling bins on the Parks that will be in compliance with the new state regulations and also be acceptable to Benson's Rubbish Removal. Robert would like to try keeping bins on the Parks instead of a "bring it in, bring it out" policy to see how it goes. The board agreed to give it a try, although Jim does not agree. Robert made motion to accept the bid from Roger Vesper (Have Trash will Travel) for \$1175 per month for the upcoming year. Discussion as to when this contract will begin. Next year, requests for recycling bids will be sent out in the fall, not the spring. The board accepted the bid. Five applications were received for the Administrative Assistant. The board would like to schedule interviews for Wednesday,

June 10th beginning at 6:00 pm. The board reviewed the amended Procurement Policy. Robert made motion to rescind the two amendments made in April 2015, seconded by Doon. So voted. The new policy incorporates these two amendments. The dates will need to be changed on the amended policy; Robert will forward a corrected one to Joanne. Robert made motion to approve, seconded. So voted. The board gave their thanks to Larry for his time in working on the amendment.

The solicitation for paving bids will go in the paper this week. Larry noted that the “goal” is to pave the entire length of Bethel Mtn Road, and paving the bottom 1/3 of Bethel Mtn Road would be paid for through the balance of highway funds that has accumulated through the years (highway budgets are allowed by statute to carry over from year to year). Short discussion ensued.

Solicitations for bids for debris removal will go in the paper this week as well. Larry, Dan and Gerry Vezina (FEMA) met today to discuss and finalize. The bids will be requested on an hourly basis. Discussion ensued. The board also discussed Eric Belanger’s bandstand roof repair quote. Eric will do the work in late June and will accept payment over two fiscal years. Robert made motion to accept his bid, so voted.

Old Business: Nancy Maston updated the board with the information she has found on the road issue at Oak Lodge and the Class 4 road that has been used since Irene. She has met with Vt Wetlands people and they told her there are no restrictions. She also received a copy of the letter from the Matthew’s lawyer that was sent to the Town. Robert noted again that he plans to research this, but it will take time to accomplish this. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Terry Severy told the board that Neptune gave him a price for water meters. He told them how many of each sized meter would be needed for the village. Pricing included gaskets and wiring. The price was approximately \$29,000. He feels meters could be switched out within a couple weeks, unless the job is put out to a subcontractor. There is \$43800 in the reserve account which can be used to pay for it. Discussion ensued. There is a 20 year warranty on the product. Terry priced meters through USA and Neptune, will check on one more to satisfy the three bid requirement for the Procurement Policy.

The board agreed that the street light at 109 Park Row should stay on. Jim noted that there is already a deflector on it, and a neighbor has asked to keep it on.

Doon made motion to appoint Robert as assistant Road Commissioner, seconded by Jim. So voted. Larry noted that he plans to be completely done with this position by July 1, 2015.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted

Joanne McDonnell