

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

September 22, 2014

Present: Larry Straus, Robert Meagher, Joanne McDonnell

Guests: Martha Slater, Terry Severy, Barbara Harvey Marvin Harvey

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm. Larry proposed adding a new item to the agenda under new business: authorization of proceeding forward with the scoping grant under the Bike/Ped grant. Robert made motion to add item, so voted.

Robert made motion to adopt the 9/8/14 minutes, so voted. Robert made motion to approve the minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting on 9/4/14, so voted.

Guests: Marv noted that roadside mowing has begun along Marsh Brook Rd. Short discussion ensued. This year there is a new contractor, and he feels that he can do all the roads within the budget allotted. Marv also noted that Mark from AOT road striping division had called him as he had no response from the Town Garage. He will be in charge of painting stripes on Bethel Mtn Rd. He knows about the paving that will be done in a month or so. Discussion ensued. Larry will contract Mark to discuss.

Marv noted that he is hoping to see an ad in the papers that bids the entire solar project at the Town Garage. He had given the board a copy of an advertisement that another town used that was very informative. Discussion ensued.

Utilities: Terry noted that since we are waiting until at least January 2015 to see if any Clean Water funds are available, he will get sizes of the existing meters. Short discussion ensued. Depending on whether the town gets the funding will play a role in which phase to go with. If we don't get funding, we will go with Phase 1, which will mean reading meters by hand, or Phase 2 which is radio reading of meters. The funding is a low interest 20 year loan.

New Business: Two bids were received for the three year contract for sidewalk maintenance beginning November 2014. Music Mountain Property Maintenance submitted a bid for \$4195.00/year for each of the three years. Tony Paige of AP Stone Creation submitted a bid of \$4650.00/year for each of the three years. Short discussion ensued regarding the additional stipulations that were added to the contract. Robert made motion to accept the low bid from Music Mountain Property Maintenance, so voted.

Larry noted that the town was awarded a scoping grant for sidewalk assessment. This allows us to have an engineer assess the conditions and locations of existing sidewalks and make recommendations. Next year we can apply for the implementation part of the grant. The town share is about \$4000. Robert made motion to approve the project commitment form. No discussion, so voted. Short discussion about the paving on Bethel Mtn Road ensued. The paving will be from Kevin Dougherty's house up to the "T" intersection, and from above Terry Severy's house to the top of the mountain.

The bridge work at Rt 100 and Rt 73 (Severy's bridge) will not be completed this year.

The board received a Groundwater Withdrawal Evaluation Report for Pristine Mountain Springs of VT-Ron Colton's water company in Stockbridge. It will be filed for P&Z to review.

Old Business: Robert noted that there was a meeting regarding First Responders last week at the Firehouse. Approximately 30 people attended. All fire departments will hold a business meeting on

October 14th to decide if they want the Fast Track to be part of the fire department. Short discussion ensued. Robert noted that the school board was also given a synopsis of the course with the hope that students may be interested in taking the class.

Martha noted that she will be attending the Red Cross Shelter Training on Thursday evening and will report back next week.

Larry made motion for Robert to be appointed as the alternative representative for Rochester on the WRVA board, so voted. Robert will attend the October meeting of the WRVA board. Short discussion ensued regarding the first October meeting. Bids for the North Hollow Culvert at Peter Harvey's are due by 4:00 pm on October 2nd. There is no requirement to award the contract for 60 days from the bid opening. The board will meet on Thursday October 2nd to open the bids, and the regular Selectboard meeting will be held on Monday October 13th as scheduled.

Bills reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell