

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

January 8, 2018

Present: Jim Bowen, Tom Schnabel (Doon Hinderyckx absent)

Guests: Dan Gendron, Harland Mckirryher, Kristen Casella, Marty Maher, Rod & Linda Leehy, Jeannette Bair, Martha Slater, Terry Severy, Bruce Flewelling, Peter Otten, Walk Wells, Joan Allen, Mason Wade

Jim Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to Agenda: none. Peter Otten asked the board about Class 4 road regulations. He lives on Wing Farm Rd which has been maintained fine, and they plow a turnaround for people who drive up there by mistake or for service vehicles. Someone who told him they were from the USFS parked their vehicle right in the middle of the road and told Peter they had the right to do that since it is a Class 4 road. Short discussion ensued. Jim and tom will double check this but do not believe anyone is able to park right in the middle of the road. They will get back to him with an answer.

Minutes: Jim made motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting, seconded by Tom. So voted.

Guests: Walt Wells asked what the procedure is if someone wants permission to work on a class 4 road, and who can ask for this permission. Tom noted that the individual(s) would need to come to the Selectboard and ask permission. What would the standards or parameters be? Tom noted again that a private party is able to request a meeting with the board and the board will decide how much they want to allow that citizen or party to do. Walt asked if the parameters would be in writing, and Tom explained that to his knowledge the statute does require a written agreement. Short discussion about who the private party might be ensued. Walt noted that the Pine Gap decision does not address the verbiage of the petition and asked if the board has a plan to allow snowmobiles on the road. Per Title 23, it has to be official. Discussion continued about Title 23. Walt noted that the sitting board will have to decide if snowmobiles will be allowed on class 4 roads. The board will research paragraph 2 and 4 of title 23, paragraph 3206.

Mary Russ gave a brief update on the Stormwater Master Plan. Grant funds were received by White River Partnership and bid requests were sent out. WRP is hiring Watershed Consulting Associates of Burlington (lowest bidder) to complete components of the restoration program grant funded project.

Mary explained that there will be a public hearing in August 2018, and she will work with Joan Allen on that. The final meeting has to happen by November 30th. At that time, funding to complete the project will be needed, and Mary noted that she will continue to work with Joan on this project.

Joan Updates: Nothing other than work continues on the Site 3 project.

Highway: Dan told the board that the new truck is supposed to arrive on Wednesday!

Utilities: Nothing from Terry.

New Business: the board approved a liquor license from School St Bistro and signed the application.

Carrie McDonnell of the PTO has asked the board to consider having a bottle drop box at the Town Office. There are many different organizations that accept bottle returns as a fundraiser, but since recycling is now done on the first and third Saturdays, any bottles left on the 3rd Saturday end up in the recycling. Joanne noted her concern that this could be piles of bags of bottles. Discussion continued, and Nancy wondered if the same organization that does the first of the month could also do the third of the month. The board would like to talk to Carrie before deciding.

Memo of Understanding with Granville Fire Dept.: The board agreed that since they need to speak with Daniel at one of the next B&F meetings, they will table this until after they have had a chance to review with him.

Certificate of Highway Mileage: Bruce noted that he would like to see some of the town maps corrected before completing the certificate. Both Pine Gap Rd (TH 29), and Jones Mtn Rd (TH 36) need correcting, and Joan offered to help Bruce with this. The certificate needs to be back to VTRANS before Feb 20, 2018.

Old Business: Brook Field Services annual agreement is now past the prepay period. Jim made motion to move to continue on as is without any agreement. Joanne will call them tomorrow as the generator is acting up again.

Bills reviewed, warrants signed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell