

## Selectboard Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2020

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Martha Slater, Tony Goupee, Terry Severy, Walt Wells, Nancy Woolley, Mason Wade, Harland McKirryher, Joan Allen, Kinley Tenner

Doon called the meeting at 6:15 pm

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Additions to the agenda: Harland-missing book; Mason- announcement

Doon moved to approve the January 27th minutes with a correction to Mason's announcement regarding the email and the email list as valuable communication between the town and its residents and recommending people to join the town's list serve. Tom seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

Joan updates: Joan noted that FEMA has been the focus for the past few weeks. She noted that the documentation for just the work completed for the FEMA sights will be submitted. Joan noted that FEMA reps will be in to scan all documentation. She noted that it will all begin again in the Spring when the remainder of the sites are completed. Pat asked if any of the sites that have been repaired will need to be redone and Joan noted that not so much redone but to complete work unfinished. Joan noted that sites brought up to safely travel may still need cross drains installed or upsized and ditching. Joan noted that Cooter knows which sites he would like to put out to bid and which sites the town will finish up.

Joan noted that she is putting together the final reimbursement request for the work the town did with the federal highway projects. She noted that she has completed about 90% of the paperwork for that final submission that she estimates to be somewhere around \$600K.

She noted that she is also working on the Class 2 road work for Bethel Mountain road as well as the Grant and Aid on Bingo Road and both of those will be submitted as well.

Library Updates: Tony noted there will be a trustee's meeting the following night at 6 pm at the Library.

Highway update: Cooter was not present. Doon noted that the truck has not been fixed yet.

Utilities Update: Terry asked if the hydrants would get shoveled. Doon noted that he will have a conversation to get them taken care of.

New Business: Doon noted the Skip Mart needed a liquor and tobacco renewal license approval. Doon moved to approve. Tom seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

Old Business: Highway mileage Certificate. Doon noted no changes were made. Doon moved to approve. All in favor. So, voted.

Harland- missing book. Tom was not able to get downstairs to look for the missing book in the American Legion room. Harland also announced how awful the solar speed sign looked when you are coming into town from south of RT 100 and if it could be removed. Doon noted the north one seems to work and agreed about the one coming from the south of town.

Mason made an announcement that Monday evening, on Presidents Day at 7pm at the Stockbridge Historical Town Meeting Hall, Dr. Allen Bates will be speaking. He will give a presentation on Atmospheric research. He noted it was a great opportunity for Rochester residents that would have any questions relating to the care of the Earth.

Doon announced this Thursday, February 13 at 6 pm at Pierce Hall Community Center there will be a community workshop that has been put together by Envisioning Rochester. He noted it was to prioritize community projects. He noted all are welcome to attend.

Mason asked when people will receive their town reports. Nancy noted they will be mailed as soon as we get them. She noted they are in for printing now and are required by law to be mailed no later than February 21.

Kinley asked if there was an update on the Pine Gap Trail issues. Doon noted that we are waiting for a decision on the judge for the most recent request on the summary judgement on the most recent lawsuit against the town that was claiming the road is not where the town says it is. Kinley asked if we have a break down of the costs for that. Doon noted that the updated amount of \$3,200.00 brings it up to \$63,1033.98. Doon noted that it is the cost covered over 2 ½ -3 years. Doon noted hopefully by town meeting we have the final decision from the judge to put this to rest.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith