

## Selectboard Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2019

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Martha Slater, Walt Wells, Mason Wade, Joan Allen, Nancy Woolley, Bruce Fleweling, Eric Bowman, Tony Goupee, Harland McKirryher, Bud Venturini Rob, Gardner

Doon called meeting to order at 6:15pm, and verified it was properly warned.

Additions to the Agenda:

Bruce noted that he wanted to discuss next years warning and town report.

Harland wanted to ask about missing book as old business.

Doon moved to approve the minutes from February Pre-Town Meeting and Selectboard meeting. Tom seconded, so voted.

Bruce Fleweling commented that it was a good idea to keep the Library a separate item. He noted that it isn't under control of the selectboard and that it is a substantial item. It was good discussion and people were able to share their opinions. He noted it would be good to leave it that way. Doon agreed and noted that several people shared the same comment. Bruce also added that during the Town Meeting on the report, he would like to see the Librarian, Assistant and Childrens Librarian also listed and who fills each position. He concluded that after the long discussion at the end of the Town Meeting it would also be good to have the members listed from the Board of Civil Authority. Doon thanked Bruce for coming.

Harland asked about the missing book. Town Clerk, Julie Smith noted that she started the search and Bruce added that he would be in to help. Eric Bowman added that it would be beneficial to find the missing book since he is making a national historic registered nomination for the CCC bridges on Bingo Road. There are bridges and artifacts of a larger project within the Bingo branch by the CCC. All that information may possibly be in that book because it covers that time period. He also volunteered his time to help in the efforts. Doon said it would be good to coordinate the efforts to work together.

Joan Updates:

Joan noted that we received a letter from Chet Brown from the Bethel Solid Waste District requesting two future dates for household hazardous waste removal in Town. The Selectboard will look at the proposed dates and put together any issues and get back to him.

Joan had a meeting with Greg Russ with White River Partnership and Cricket McCusker to go over the Mount Cushman Culvert Project and how to proceed. Cricket came up with an estimated cost to use for the VTrans Structures Grant application coming up in April and if we do want to apply for that we need to know what the town match will be. She estimated a cost of \$175,000.00, which is the maximum amount you can get from the Structures Grant. It may come in less but could be challenging with the bedrock. The towns responsibility is 10% (\$17,500.00)

to qualify for the funding. White River Partnership would very much like to be a part of the process. If the town wants to proceed, the project could go out for bid that following fiscal year. The reason for that is because it would be better timing for contractors to bid in the fall for a spring start. It would also attract a better group of contractors for better competition. Typically the VTrans grants have a 2-year expiration. Doon said we should move forward with this and by pushing it out another year would be great.

Moving along with the sidewalk project, Joan stated that it also would be another month or so before soliciting proposals. We could slide this one out another year to get good competition of bids together and the Town is responsible for 50% and with budget constraints we can move this forward and learn what we need to get the ball rolling. We have been putting it off too long now.

Pat Harvey asked if we scheduled a meeting with Chris Bump. Joan replied that it would most likely be in April.

Doon noted that the highway truck is back in action and fixed under warranty.

New Business:

Doon noted that we have an application for Tobacco/ Liquor license renewal from the Skip Mart. Doon motioned to approve. Tom Seconded. So voted.

Doon noted that another application from Percell Corporation (Huntington House Inn) for an event fundraiser selling beverages for Pierce Hall for a Hawaiian Luau. Doon moved to approved. Tom seconded, so voted.

Doon noted that there was a written request for a new town ordinance for banning a discharge of a firearm within the town limits of Rochester. Tom spoke that the request is for in town limits and in his mind that is totally unreasonable. There are hunting regulation laws that prohibits a discharge within 300 or 500 feet of any building. This isn't about hunting. Pat added a correction to that by adding this is true if you're not on your own property. You can discharge a firearm in your own back yard, according to hunting laws. Martha asked when you're talking about Town limits are you talking about the village, or are you talking about the whole town? Tom stated that the letter says limits, so the wording is the entire town, so the town has no authority to dictate who owns a gun or who doesn't. He noted that it is a state statute that would govern it. A town can generate an ordinance if they so desire to prevent a discharge of weapons in certain areas of a town, and some towns have done that. He noted that he didn't feel, under this circumstance that this is being presented correctly. He noted that if you understand the background of it, he believes it doesn't warrant an ordinance of that nature in this town at this time. It was asked about the background and discussion ensued. A decision was made that this is a non-issue and more of a police issue.

Appointments: The following appointments were made (SEE ATTACHED APPOINTED OFFICIAL PAGE)

Mason Wade spoke about the importance of Orca and helping to get information out to the residence.

Doon noted that the single audit has been submitted to the federal but will still need to be uploaded to the state. Julie asked if the Town mowing will be going out to bid soon, Doon replied that it would be. Tom said we should do that this month.

Frank commented that after the Town Meeting he spoke with Robert Meagher about the radio system and he said the receiver is gone or missing. He said that the radio system is very important for the town meetings and getting information so information can be heard. He said that the radio system should be replaced or found and how important it would be in the future.

Walt noted that since we couldn't be heard well at the Town Meeting he asked about the ambulances, he questioned that since we were trying to reduce the cost of WRVA by transports and he believe he understand that there are 2 ambulances. He questioned what are they using for transports, and if we want an ambulance on this side of the mountain and its in the middle of a transport, how much longer might we wait for a transport? The discussion ensued and concluded that the best way to answer this is by talking with Vic Ribauda, President of WRVA.

Bills were reviewed, warrants signed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith

## Town of Rochester Elected Officials

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dan McKinley	2020
Selectboard:	Tom Schnabel	2020
	Patricia Harvey	2021
	Doon Hinderyckx, Chair	2022
Town Clerk	Julie Smith	2020
Town Treasurer	Julie Smith	2020
Listers:	Louis Donnet	2020
	Jessica Arsenaault	2021
	Caroline Meagher	2022
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Rebecca Klein	2020
Library Trustees:	Anthony Goupee	2020
	Lyn Moltz	2021
	Barbara Shenton	2022
	Jolanta Labejsza	2023
	Kelly Kelly	2024
Trustees of Public Funds:	Michael Harvey	2020
	Barbara Dehart	2021
	Ann Pierce	2022
Cemetery Commissioners:	Marvin C. Harvey	2020
	Joe Schenkman	2021
	Joan K. Hubbard	2022
	Thomas Paquette	2023
	Vacant	2024
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits	Bill Matthews	2020
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Pat Harvey	2020
Justices of the Peace	Kevin Dougherty	Feb. 1, 2021
	Michael Harvey	Feb. 1, 2021
	Joan "Java" Hubbard	Feb. 1, 2021
	Rebecca Klein	Feb. 1, 2021
	Annette "Sugie" West	Feb. 1, 2021
Windsor-Rutland Rep. Windsor County Senators	Sandy Haas	
	Alison Clarkson	
	Richard McCormack	
	Alice Nitka	

## Appointments

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer	Rebecca Klein	2020
Selectboard Clerk	Julie Smith	2020
Administrative Asst. to Selectboard	Joan Allen	
First Constable	Mark Belisle	2020/3/20
LEPC #12 (Local Emer. Plan. Comm)	Mark Belisle	2020
Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	Sandy Haas	2020
	Julie Martin	2020
	Eric Bowman	2021
	Greg White	2021
	David Curtis	2022
	Joan Pontious	2022
	Dan McKinley	2023
	Doon Hinderyckx	ex officio
Zoning Administrator	Doon Hinderyckx	2020
Fire Chief (elected by Fire Dept)	Terry Severy	2020/12
First (elected by Fire Dept)	Raymond Harvey	2020/12
Second (elected by Fire Dept)	Kevin Dougherty	2020/12
Fire Warden	Ray Harvey	2022/6/30
Water Commissioners	Selectboard	2020
Sewer Commissioners	Selectboard	2020
Road Commissioner	Doon Hinderyckx	2020
Road Department:	John Champion	
	Dana Spalding	
	Ted Smith	
Sewer Plant Operator	Terry Severy	
Assistant	Dana Spalding	
Water Plant Operator	Terry Severy	
Assistant	Dana Spalding	
On-Site Wastewater Officer	Doon Hinderyckx	2020
TRORC Transportation/Planning Rep.	Anni Mackay	2020
TRORC Transportation Adv. Comm.	Doon Hinderyckx	2020
Health Officer	John White	2021/10/31
Town Service Officer	Paula Dougherty	2020
Emergency Management Director	Vic Ribaud	2020
Emergency Management Alternate	Doon Hinderyckx	2020
Emergency Management Coordinator	Rob Gardner	2020
Energy Coordinator	Marvin Harvey	2020
Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Advisory Comm.	Marvin Harvey	2020
Recycling Coordinator	James Bowen	2020
Park Committee:	Martha Slater	2020
Recreation Committee:	Norm Christiansen	2020
	Martha Slater	
	Carrie McDonnell	
	Rachael Cunningham	
	Walter Pruiksma, Tennis	
	Caitlin Cutting	
	Dean Mendell	
	Joe Schenkman	
	Meg Brown	
Animal Control Officer/ Poundkeeper/Humane Officer	Mark Belisle	2020

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Stagecoach Representative	Timothy Crowley	2020
White River Valley Amb. (WRVA) Rep	Vic Ribaldo	2020
WRVA Alternate	James Bowen	2020
Tree Warden	Norman R. Smith	2020
E-911 Maintenance	Angus McCusker	2020
Green-Up Day Coordinators	Claudia Sherwin/Nick Piccicuto	2020
Budget & Finance Comm.	Lois Bond	2020
	Jim Bowen	2020
	Barb Dehart	2020
	Rob Gardner	2020
	Robert Meagher	2020
	Vic Ribaldo	2020
	Greg White	2020
	Nancy Woolley	2020
	Selectboard Members	2020
Website Administrator	Norm Christiansen	2020
Scenic By-Way Representative	Larry Plesent	2020
ECFiber Representative	John White	2020
Librarian	Jeannette Bair	
Assistant Librarian		
Children's Librarian		
Auditors	Pace & Hawley, LLC	
Official Newspaper	<i>The Herald of Randolph</i>	2020
Videography - Meetings	Orca Media	

### **Dates to Remember**

Selectboard Meeting	Second & Fourth Monday of month at Town Office. Other meetings at Town Office as warned.	6:15 PM
Planning Commission	First Tuesday of month at Town Office.	6:00 PM
Trustees of Public Funds	Meetings when needed – Will be posted	
Recreation Committee	Fourth Wednesday every other month at Town Office January, March, May, July, September, November	7:00 PM
<b>Dog Licenses (State Mandated)</b>	<p><b>On or before April 1:</b> Rabies shots good for 3 years. Male &amp; Female: \$11.00; altered: \$7.00 <b>After April 1,</b> the fee is increased 50%: Male &amp; Female \$15.00; altered \$9.00 <b><u>*After April 1 there is a \$5.00 fine for all unlicensed dogs.</u></b> <b><u>**No Exceptions**</u></b> <b>A leash and fouling law is in effect for the entire Town, not just the village area. See Ordinance at Town Office.</b></p>	
<b>Recycling</b>	First and Third Saturday of each month at Town Office parking lot.	
<b>Property Taxes</b>	<p>1/4 due on/before <b>August 15, 2019</b>; 1/4 due on/before <b>November 15, 2019</b>; 1/4 due on/before <b>February 14, 2020</b>; 1/4 due on/before <b>May 15, 2020</b>. Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1 ½% per month thereafter added. <b>8% collection fee added May 16, 2020.</b> <b><u>Postmarks not accepted!</u></b></p>	

**Water & Sewer User Fees:** ¼ due **January 31**; ¼ due **April 30**; ¼ due **July 31**; ¼ due **October 30**. Due no later than the above effective dates. Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter added for delinquent water/sewer fees.

**Winter Parking Ordinance:** No person shall park a motor vehicle on any street or in any public parking area within the Town of Rochester between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM from November 1 to April 1 inclusive.