

Selectboard Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2018

6:15 pm

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Walt Wells, Bruce Flewelling, Dan Gendron, Dave Harvey, Joan Allen, Nancy Woolley, Harland Mckirryher, Mason Wade, Jim Bowen, Terry Severy, Kristen Casella, Marty Maher, Bud Venturini, Anni Mackay, Ginny & Eric Bowman, Bill Brokhof

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

Adjustments to agenda: Joanne asked the board to sign the VLCT workers comp contract for Norm Christiansen.

Minutes: Doon made motion to approve the minutes from the Feb 26, 2018 meeting, seconded by Tom, so voted. Doon made motion to approve the March 3, 2018 special meeting, seconded by Tom, so voted. Doon made motion to approve the minutes from the Town Meeting on March 5th, seconded by Tom, so voted.

Guests: Harland asked how the town is related to that piece of land (Maher property on Pine Gap Rd). Doon explained how the lease lands came into effect back in the 1700's. In the early 1900's, Vermont left it to each town to decide how to handle the leases. Harland asked how many acres of lease land is involved, and Doon responded the entire acreage. Discussion ensued. Walt noted that he traced the history of the plot back to 1860 when it was 114 acres plus 90 and then identified as lots. Lot 67 is 45 acres +/- . He went back in the records to when the land was part of "Philadelphia". He thought someone on behalf of the buyers should have gone back to find this. Pat noted that a title search only goes back 40 years. He asked why the information presented over several Selectboard meeting minutes note that Smokey Bowen and Marty Maher were at the May 9th meeting to bring up the parcel. May 23rd- Robert noted the lawyer had reviewed the case and we could now do a quit claim, but no explanation of why we would want a quitclaim was presented. The following meeting noted posting for 30 days noted 3 different addresses... July 11th, Doon made motion to execute the quitclaim for \$333.33 but no follow-up was noted. Walt asked why the board opted to only go with \$333.33 instead of the \$1000 option presented by the lawyers. Doon explained we were given three options, and they went with the middle one which seemed more reasonable than the \$1000. Walt noted the money should have gone in a trust and can only use the income, which would be nominal, but it's an available option. Doon explained that the trust fund did not get set up, and Joanne explained that it was her error in not setting it up at the time.

Harland also asked about the shredding of old documents. He was concerned that land records might be shredded or records that pertain to anything. Joanne explained that it is old paid bills, etc that will be shredded-land records stay in the vault. There are retention schedules set by the state that have to be followed and anything being shredded has to be reported to them first. Walt asked if we still have lease land, Fish and Wildlife pays \$10 per year for Riley Bostwick lease land.

Joan's Updates: Joan told the board that she has a lot of detailed road info for them to review. The Town Road & Bridge Standards were adopted in 2011, but the board should adopt the standards that were updated in 2013. This increases grant funds to the town from the state and/or FEMA. VTRANS would like the updated/adopted ones before they meet with us at the end of the month. She will email these to the board. She also noted that VTRANS will be doing center line pavement marking on Class 1 and 2 roads, and they would like to know if we have any work planned for paved roads so they can time their project around us. Joan had printed information sheets on the Municipal Road Permit that was instituted at the end of January. She asked the board to review the details to see what will be expected. There are some funding sources available.

Ginny Bowman asked about the sidewalks. They are completely broken up in front of the Park House. Tom noted that the board is looking at sidewalks as a major problem. We had a grant fund to study it, which is the first step in getting implementation. We will most likely have to tackle the worst spots for now.

Doon explained that our Downtown Village Designation had lapsed. We are re-applying, but need to rewrite aspects of the Town Plan to move the application forward. This might also increase the possibility of grants for sidewalks. He noted that he thought the town could take possession of the daycare and sell it to use some of the proceeds for sidewalk repair. Harland noted the town should take possession and open it up as a daycare. A lot of money was spent to bring it up to code. He feels something should go in the paper offering daycare and with the grammar school right there, it would be a good option. Short discussion continued.

Anni asked what the state/town financial responsibility would be for sidewalk repairs. Joanne noted that the Bike/Ped grant we had received was not at all what we needed when they presented their plan. Joan noted that the Stormwater Master plan needs to be taken into effect, and that will have an effect on the sidewalk repair. Meanwhile, we will deal with the worst spots on our own.

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

The board signed the VLCT workers comp contract submitted by Norm Christiansen. Bills were reviewed, warrants signed. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell