

Selectboard Meeting

Monday, April 9, 2018

6:15 pm

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Martha Slater, Dan Gendron, Bruce Flewelling, Jim Bowen, Tim Bowen, Nancy Woolley, Joan Allen, Terry Severy, Walt Wells, Orca Media-Desmond Piccicuto, Dan McKinley, Dave Harvey, Harland McKirryher, Mason Wade, Mark Belisle

Doon called the meeting to order at 6:15 and verified it has been properly warned.

Adjustments to the agenda: Bruce Flewelling asked to discuss the Pierce Hall utility bill for the last quarter. Mason asked to talk about utility bills overall.

Minutes: Pat asked to make a correction to the March 26th minutes-the annual fee for the clean water act should be \$1350, not \$1300, Doon had a spelling correction. Joanne will correct. Doon made motion to approve with corrections, seconded by Tom. So voted. Doon made motion to accept the April 3, 2018 special meeting minutes, seconded by Tom. So voted.

Public Hearing regarding changes to the Town Plan: Doon opened the hearing at 6:7 pm and explained that these changes were to get the Town Plan prepared so we can reapply for the Village Center designation. He explained that the language revisions involve the Forest Block and Habitat, Flood Resiliency and language to renew the village designation. Doon made motion to adopt the changes, seconded by Tom. So voted. Hearing closed at 6:20 pm.

Bruce Flewelling explained to the board that sometime during the last quarter, there was a leak in the radiant heat system in the lower floor of Pierce Hall. There were no visible signs of this leak until recently which was corrected immediately. When Terry read the meter, they found that over 50,000 gallons of water had been used in the last quarter. Bruce asked if there could be some relief on the bill. Discussion ensued regarding the situation. The board felt that this is a reasonable request and agreed to allow an adjustment to statistically what the bill would be. Mason asked about back metering in the future, and said the town electric bills are about \$24000 per year. Doon reminded him that this is not a new topic, the voters turned this down in the past. Tom noted that it might depend on what happens with the school buildings. Once we get beyond that process, we can look into this again. Discussion ensued.

Jerry LeBlond brought the board a proposal for better lighting on the bandstand. The existing lighting is old, and dim. He has been photographing concerts for years, and cannot get a decent photo of the crowd and bands together. He explained that what he hopes to see in our bandstand. The options could be track lighting with LED bulbs or standard spot lights with LED bulbs. Either option should have a timer. Discussion ensued. Nancy noted that the entire electrical system on the bandstand should be looked at, it's at least 30 years old. Doon noted that he would be inclined to use track lighting. Discussion continued, and the board thanked Jerry for the research. They will table this and have an electrician look into it and respond back to Jerry.

Nancy asked the board if they had read the article in the VLCT news regarding parade safety. Possibly something should be put in the letter that is sent out. Discussion ensued.

Joan had the board sign the Road & Bridges standard certificate of compliance and the summary of newly adopted standards. She will warn a special Selectboard Meeting on Thursday 4/12/18 to meet with VTRANS for the annual planning meeting. They will also look into the Bethel Mtn Slope repair.

Constables: Nothing special, he noted that the LEOP will be going to a new format in the future. Vic Ribaldo is working on the LEOP at this time. Mark also noted that he has an \$8000 grant for the radar trailer and will come back to the board when ordering. Discussion ensued about the LED radar signs. Mark also noted that he will need to have a space to store the radar trailer in the winter.

Highway: Dan noted sanding/salting is starting to slow down a bit. Martha noted that the crew did great cleaning up debris.

Utilities: Terry noted that during the power outage, Pump 1 set the alarm on site 4. The pump ran longer than normal Discussion ensued. He noted that the generator at the pumphouse needs a new battery and he will change it tomorrow. He explained that Mike Ketchum was supposed to have done this a while ago but hasn't yet. Discussion ensued about maintenance of that generator, and Terry noted it can be wired directly to the pumphouse.

New Business: The sponsors of 100 on 100 Relay Race would like to come through town again this year and use the school parking lot as a stop. The race will take place on August 18th. Doon made motion to approve the request, seconded by Tom. So voted.

RASTA has submitted a Park Use form for the annual DisasTour fundraising event on Saturday, April 28th. Doon made motion to approve, seconded by Tom. So voted. Mark also noted that that day is "Take Back Drug" day, and they will be available at the Constables office.

Martha asked who is doing Green UP-Desmond Piccicuto who is also filming for Orca said he will be doing Green Up again this year on May 5th.

Old Business: Doon wanted to talk more about the request to rent the fire station. Dave Harvey had asked if he could rent the building for materials. Between the radar trailer, town property that needs to be stored (picnic tables, generators, etc) that it will be better to use it for the town. Tom feels the same. Dave asked if it was supposed to have been sold, but we had the option to sell and decided not to. Doon and Tom feel that it is in the best interest of the town to keep it, and use it for storage for town property.

Mason asked for an update on the Dandelion Daycare Building. Doon explained that the town asserted its interest in taking the building and the subdivision process is in the works with the current board. Pat noted that nothing can happen until the subdivision is in place. Harland asked about the Bingo property. Pat noted that property is set up as a trust, and if the trust is to be broken it will have to go through probate. The board is still exploring this situation at the time. Walt wondered if there is an actual trust that could clarify. Mason asked if it is correct that the principal and students could do what they want with it today, and Pat again reiterated that if they chose to revoke the trust, the property would revert to the town. Short discussion ensued. School Board meetings are the place to go to get more information on current school properties.

Doon made motion to enter into executive session at 7:25pm to discuss personnel.

Exited at _____pm Action:

Bills reviewed and warrants signed. Meeting adjourned at _____pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell