

Selectboard Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2018

6:15 pm

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Walt Wells, Nancy Woolley, Terry Severy, Dan Gendron, Marv & Barb Harvey, Rod & Linda Leehy, Dave Harvey, Harland McKirryher, Desmond Piccicuto filming for Orca Media. Mason Wade

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm. Doon confirmed that the meeting has been warned properly.

Agenda Amendments: Joanne added the April 16th special meeting minutes and adopting the updated LEOP.

Minutes: Doon made motion to approve the April 16th minutes, seconded by Tom. So voted. Doon noted one small typing error on the April 9th Selectboard meeting, and made motion to approve, seconded by Tom. So voted.

Guests: Walt Wells gave a presentation on his concerns about the forest land conveyed to the School District in May of 1948 (see presentation attached with minutes). Full reading of the presentation can be seen on Orca Media when this meeting is posted. Walt urges the Selectboard to be involved in the conversations regarding the disposition of the School Forest. He offered to buy the parcel for \$333.33 and transfer fees if the town does gain possession of the property and will have a deeded commitment with the USFS as an outdoor classroom for environmental learning.

Doon noted that they had asked VLCT's lawyers for an opinion on this. There appears to be money set aside in the merger process and the legal fees should be paid through those funds before bringing the town attorneys into it. He feels that Walt's proposal to purchase the property is an interesting idea but not something we can do at this point. Pat noted VLCT pointed directions that the board should go, and they are going to let things "set to concrete" before picking up the issue. The School Board will be back into this issue within the next weeks as they have been working hard to create a budget.

Mason asked who bought Dandelion Daycare; Doon asked him to stay on topic; Mason continued with his discussion of Dandelion Daycare. Heated discussion continued. Pat explained that the School Board had the offer of the Town to take possession of the building or to sell it; they chose to sell. Doon noted it was not our building to sell and that Mason should take his questions to the School Board for answers. Discussion continued. Harland asked what the Town's position regarding the School Forest is, and the board responded they would take possession of the property if it was available. Lengthy discussion continued.

Rod asked if there is a date when this needs to be resolved by, and Pat noted that she is not sure but possibly by July 1, 2018.

Joan's Updates: VYCC (VT Youth Conservation Corp) and WRP are planting along the Park & Ride today. Curbing needs to be installed around the perimeter, and Dan noted that we have this, it was removed

for winter maintenance. Hebert Excavating is ready to start work on the village septic upgrade project by May 21st. There will be a pre-construction meeting with Hebert and Dubois & King. Joan asked the board to let her know how many members would attend and what date would be best so she can post the meeting. Joan has submitted a Structures grant for culvert replacement design on Bethel Mtn Rd below Terry's house. Estimated cost is \$12,000, with the town share being 10%. Also a Class 2 Roadway Grant for engineering for large slope failure on Bethel Mtn Rd parallel to Brook ST. Estimated cost is \$45000.00, town share 20%.

She would like an update on the current Grant-in-Aid project (Ditching on Town Line Rd) and the current Class 2 roadway grant for North Hollow Rd (gravel, paving, ditching). TRORC will approve the updated Town Plan on Monday and Joan will work with Christopher Damien on the village downtown re-designation. Finally, Joan wants the board to review and update the current driveway permit requirements so we are in compliance with the Municipal Road General Permit.

Highway: Dan told the board that he and Mike Bowen have come to an agreement for storing our gravel and culverts in Mike's pit. Mike will charge \$2400 per year. Doon noted that this will open up the secondary parking area for Riverbend Park, and made motion to authorize the agreement, seconded by Tom. So voted. The Bethel Mtn Road sign project is in the works and should take a couple days to last. Dan noted they are hoping to go to a 4 day week next week, and Dana will work Mondays; Dan will work Fridays to keep the loader going. Dan wants to store anything that sits outside the garage to the new firehouse and will inventory all the equipment that he stores there.

Utilities: Terry informed the board that Dubois & King want to begin the Annual Review on Friday. Doon made motion to approve the agreement with Dubois & King for the annual review for an amount not to exceed \$2800. Tom told Terry that he had talked to Louis Donnet about hardwiring the generator to the Wellhouse. He will let Terry know what the quote is when Louis provides it.

New Business: Short discussion ensued about the date of the second Selectboard meeting in May. It falls on the 28th of May which is Memorial Day. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Vic Ribaud submitted an updated LEOP for the board to adopt. Pat noted that most revisions are updating names and contact info. Doon made motion to accept the updated LEOP, seconded by Tom. So voted.

Rod asked the board if the company that is in financial trouble with microwave emergency dispatch and cell towers is a company whose services we use. It is not; this hotspot at the office was obtained through grants, and is a Verizon hotspot. Short discussion ensued.

The board approved a driveway permit for Jeff Sherman in Mtn View Acres.

Bills were reviewed, warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell