

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

May 8, 2017

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Jim Bowen, Tom Schnabel

Guests: Dan Gendron, Mason Wade, Nancy Woolley, Pat Harvey, Terry Severy, Tim & Kelly Bowen, Deb & Bill Matthews, Martha Slater, Lynn Moltz, Jon Benson.

Doon called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to the Agenda: Mason asked to speak about the petition he prepared for the annual school vote in March and the use of snowmobiles/atv's on Bingo Road. Bill & Deb Matthews asked to add Oak Lodge Road.

Doon made motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2017 meeting, seconded by Jim. So voted

Guests: Jon Benson spoke to the board about monthly recycling. He proposes finishing out Vespers contract and then doing recycling by the month beginning in July 2017. If someone buys his business, it may create new scenarios with curbside recycling. He would charge \$1100 per month. Short discussion ensued. Jon will write up an agreement for the board.

Bill & Deb Matthews asked about the status of Oak Lodge Road. Doon explained that both Hancock and Granville have contacted him requesting to keep the road open, which was upgraded after Irene in 2011. The issue of discontinuance has dragged on for several years now, and the board walked the road last week. They feel that they need to treat the road as a Class 4 road based on the reports from Paul Hannon, who believes that the old Fitzpatrick driveway (toward Town Line Road) is what was discontinued, not the Class 4 road at the end of Oak Lodge Road. However, Tom asked that the board hold off on making a final decision at this time as he would like to review the information gathered by both Deb Matthews and Nancy Beattie. The board agreed to hold off on a decision until further notice. Deb explained that she spoke to the State Archivist who told her there are more records pertaining to road closures in Middlebury (Addison County) that she can search. The archivist told Deb that many of the road cases are often unpublished, and since 5/10ths of the road is in Granville and 2/10ths in Rochester, she would need to review the Addison County records. Deb told the board she will send any info she finds on to them. Bill also noted that all three towns signed the original agreement that states the road will not be used after two years, but now two of those towns are asking for it to stay open. The Intent was that the road was to be used temporarily at the time the agreement was signed. Short discussion ensued. Bill also noted that the sign for Town Line Road that Granville put up is in the wrong place.

Mason Wade brought up the petition he had submitted to be included on the Annual School Meeting warning. The warning was signed before the petition due date, and he feels this should be addressed with all the murkiness around petitions for merging that is taking place now. The petition was discussed in executive session with the Supervisory Union legal representative and not included on the warning due to being "vague". He would like the Selectboard to call the Secretary of State to see if this was an

acceptable move since he feels this is a town voter issue. He would like it to be looked into before the revoting of the April 11th meeting. Discussion ensued. Pat Harvey noted that the annual school meeting is to vote on a budget, not about the possible merger. Mason wants the Selectboard to contact Jim Condos about the petition situation. Doon will make a call.

Mason also spoke about the possibility of snowmobiles and ATV use on Bingo Road. The deadline for comment to the USFS is May 19th regarding the Mahar special use permit. He believes only two neighbors received the letter from the USFS regarding the permit. He feels that Bingo is a true wilderness area and accessibility to cross country skiing. The Mahar property is "locked" and they want to use snowmobiles or ATV's to access the property. There is no access to TH62 unless the town plows the road out to it. Discussion ensued. The property owner is requesting use of the road, not VAST and not the town, so at this point, the town has no control of this situation. They thanked Mason for the information.

Highway: Dan noted the road signs have been ordered and received. Martha asked if the highway dept. is responsible for trees hanging into the road after the windstorm Friday. Short discussion ensued, and Dan noted that there is still some cleanup to be done. Tom asked about the large rocks that are uncovered when grading is done. Dan explained that they walk along and pick them out after the grader goes through. Unfortunately, the fact that they are large rock means that they are digging into the road base now. Dan noted that many of our roads are like that now.

Discussion ensued about transferring our phone/internet service to EC Fiber. Joanne explained that the cost is very comparable to what we pay now with Fairpoint and AT&T (\$24.46 per line per month, and \$74.00 per month for high speed internet) Joanne will verify that this includes all long distance calls and that there is no contract to be signed. Lynn Moltz spoke on behalf of the Library Trustees who would like to have that information for their meeting tomorrow.

Utilities: Terry noted that some places in town are using "wipes" and flushing them which is causing plugged manholes. He spoke to someone involved to discuss this problem. He would like this to be in the paper as well.

The annual Homeward Bound contract was reviewed. Doon made motion to approve the annual contract for unlimited dogs at \$550 per year, seconded by Jim. So voted

Doon made motion to sign the VLCT workers comp contracts for Steve Twitchell and Terry Severy, seconded. So voted.

Joan updates: Joan provided the Sewer Bond resolutions for the board to adopt (for the repairs to Site 3). Doon read through the resolution and made motion to adopt resolutions 1 and 2 as prepared by Paul Giuliani for the June 20, 2017 bond vote. Motions seconded by Jim, voted in the affirmative by all board members.

Park Use forms: The board reviewed the dates given by Rita Peck for setting up on the Park. Doon made motion to approve the request, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Kirsten Domas would like to use the Park for wedding pictures on June 24th. Doon made motion to approve, seconded by Jim. So voted.

TRORC is looking for a representative to replace Larry Straus. Doon nominated Jim who asked what the meeting schedule is. Short discussion ensued. Doon will attend meetings if Jim cannot.

Tim Bowen asked about the workers comp insurance for the town mowing person. He does not carry workers comp insurance, but according to VLCT, if he signs the VLCT contract and non-employee work agreement, we will not be charged for coverage. However, he is not allowed to have anyone else mow town properties. Kelly asked that he be asked to wear a shirt while mowing the Park. Tom will be talking with him about other things and will ask him to wear a shirt.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell