

May 13, 2019

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Mason Wade filming for Orca Media, Terry Severy, Martha Slater, Nancy Woolley, Joanne Andrews, John Champion, Tony Goupee, Harland Mckirryher, Dave Harvey, Dick and Diane White, Liz Steventon, Frank Russell, Dawn , Bruce and Doreen Jones, Marvin and Barb Harvey, Elissa Klingensmith, Julie Marsh, Jola Labejsza, Larry Straus, Emma Wade, Dane Larry, Mike McIntyre,

Doon called the meeting at 6:15 pm

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Additions to the agenda: Mason Wade-Bingo Basin and Marvin Harvey-Consolidated Communications

Minutes: Doon moved to approve minutes from the Selectboard Meeting on April 22, 2019. Tom seconded. So, voted

Frank Russell spoke about the recent storm damage that happened on April 15<sup>th</sup> Storm. He spoke about his property on Maple Hill Rd. He described how the flow of water had come down Maple Hill Rd. He thanked the Selectboard for the swift response of the road crew. Frank demonstrated with photos the progression of the storm and the impact left behind from the aftermath. Frank spoke with VTrans and FEMA, asking if there was any FEMA or VTrans money to be made whole for money he spent towards clean up for his property. Both agencies said he needed to ask the Town. He asked the town if there were any funds for the clean-up and getting the properties back on Maple Hill. He said that this event didn't need to happen. His opinion was that the ditches and culverts were the reason for the damage. The culverts not cleared by the crews and the fact that they are undersized. He did complement the Road Crew and felt they were very impressive. He did question as to what will happen so this doesn't happen again and getting the water to the ditches. Doon 's response to Frank's question about why did it happen, was that the ditches and culverts were filled with snow and ice and having a heavy snowmelt and heavy rainfall, regardless of how deep of a ditch or culvert size, it hadn't thawed out yet and was an act of God. The town received in previous years and events through various organizations and grants nearly half a million dollars on culverts on Wing Farm and Maple Hill Rd. He reassured that there is ongoing constant effort to improve the handling of water on the roads. He added that if we had an unlimited budget, we still couldn't keep these things from happening. It's just the nature of living in the mountains. Tom spoke and said this type of even just overwhelms the design. Doon noted that moving forward we need to keep maintaining and improving as we go. He added that the Town subscribes to the States Road Standards and they are constantly upgrading them. Doon noted that we have had a lot of complaints lately as to why the ditches are so deep and so big. Doon continued that we have been directed by the state to any further work we do must conform to theses standards. We have been receiving grants over the past couple years to improve the control of water on the roads and increase the size of the culverts. Doon confirmed with John that we have replaced already half a dozen and about a dozen to go. John spoke and said we have over 600 culverts in town and we are still replacing 12" culverts and to

fulfill all the changes will be many years. Frank asked if any of the culverts on Maple Hill will be replaced and John responded that 2 will be replaced through bids through FEMA. He continued that one of the 18" culvert will be replaced with a 24" and the other, a 15" will be replaced with an 18". John explained that with 600 culverts the budget in a year only allows about 12-15 culverts to be changed. Discussion ensued from neighbors on Maple Hill and letters were read. Joanne Andrews spoke about the completion of a private \$6,000.00 project spent on Wing Farm to remove the gravel, rebuilt ditches to handle the water coming off the roads and to protect the buildings. The only changes they ask is to not to replace the crown on the road between the two barn buildings with the four driveways. The crown is too high built.

Diane White spoke about the speed issue on Brook St. She said that the street needs speed signs on the road. It has become a very dangerous situation. She felt new signs posted at the bottom would be helpful. She proposed that Brook St. be posted with a speed limit of 25 MPH during the time that Bethel Mountain Rd. is closed. Mike also said that the signs should be moved down to the Parsonage. The discussion about school letting out in a month was a big concern. Doon said that it would have to go through warned meetings to get approval for the change in the speed limit. Tom said that perhaps it would make a difference to move the radar speed sign to Brook St. Discussion about a constable came up. Doon said that the Windsor County Sheriff would be meeting with Budget and Finance Tuesday evening. The group commended the Road Crew for what they have done with what they have had to deal with. Annie spoke about the signage to get people here in the summer months with the social activity and programming that local business' count on.. Doon spoke about the updates to the Bethel Mountain project.

Doon moved to approve the park use for the Fourth of July for Martha Slater. Doon motioned. Tom seconded, so voted.

Doon moved to authorize Dubois and King to move to Phase B tasks 3 & 4 starting immediately. Tom seconded, so voted.

Library Updates: Tony noted to keep track of the posters that Jeanette has been posting of the ongoing events.

Doon noted recognition to the Fire Department for their quick action to getting up early the morning of the storm to put up cones on the damaged roads and keeping drivers safe in doing so.

Doon complemented the Tri-town youth for raking the park with the big piles and the Road Crew for picking them up.

Utilities: Terry spoke about the Brian from the State coming down to go through to see how all the systems work. Terry explained to Brian about Number 1 system and how he goes about getting his numbers. Terry said that he got a price to put in a new system last year that was around \$10,000.00 and this year he priced it out at \$3,100.00. Site 4 is having trouble with the pump and will need to replace the 15hp with a 25hp with a cost of \$9,100.00. He suggested that even though the 15hp is working we should get the new one on the way to have on hand. He said that there were enough funds in the budget to pay for the 2 items. Doon motioned to order the pump

Mason Wade spoke about Bingo Basin and requested 4 Public Record requests pertaining to it.

Doon presented Harland with information pertaining to the Missing selectboard book. Doon stated that a book was found pertaining to the Roads from 1894-1970's.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith