

Selectboard Meeting  
May 27, 2019

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey (Tom absent)

Guests: Joan Allen, Mason Wade filming for Orca Media, Walt Wells, Terry Severy, Martha Slater, John Champion, Tony Goupee, Harland Mckirryher, Dick and Diane White, Liz Steventon, Frank Russell, Dawn Beriau, Marvin and Barb Harvey, Mike Klingensmith, Julie Ann Marsh, Mike McIntyre, Bruce Flewelling, Noel and Tami, Kathryn Schenkman, Marifrances McIntosh, Kevin Kelly,

Doon called the meeting at 6:15 pm

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Additions to the agenda: Diane White-Updates on Brook St. and Marvin Harvey-Park and Graduation

Minutes: Doon moved to approve minutes from the Selectboard Meeting on May 13, 2019. Pat seconded

Frank Russell came to address Maple Hill infrastructure resiliency. He voiced his concerns and asked what the plan was to prevent future damage. Pat noted that a call was made to Jim Bryan, an engineer from the State of Vermont. Pat noted that he provides the guidelines for road ditches and grading according to the Municipal Roads Permit Grant and to be sure we have conformed to under the umbrella of the Clean Water Act. She noted that after he made a visit to the damaged areas of Maple Hill and Wing Farm, with the road foreman John Champion, there was discussion about the concerns of the residents on Maple Hill. She noted that there would be a call back with possible solutions and feedback.

Diane White thanked the selectboard and the highway crew for their quick response for changing all the speed limit signs. She noted that there are still concerns about safety on Brook St. She asked what the update for the Sheriff coverage is. She said that we still need I-89 signs to help with the directions. Mike asked about the barriers to be moved down to the parsonage's house. Marvin said that posting the I-89 posted under the Route 100/107 signs would help with the detours. Diane suggested to keep the wooden barriers at the foot of Bethel Mountain and putting up a couple more barriers at Huntington House and a couple at the Ministers house and put up a sign NO THROUGH TRAFFIC LOCALS ONLY.

Joan Updates: Joan addressed the status of the FEMA declaration. Vermont will if they haven't already be making the request for the declaration for FEMA by May 31<sup>st</sup> and that is the state asking the FEDs to designate this as a Federal disaster area. Then the Fed's must agree and issue a declaration. Anticipating approval, which everyone is expecting they will, would be by late July. They highly recommend that we go ahead and do the permanent repair work. John has already started to do that. We already know the required documentation for FEMA projects. In addition, we are following proper procedures if we are hiring contractors to do the work. She noted that also it's a reimbursement program, which means we spend the money and wait for the Fed's to send the money through to the State and on to us for reimbursement for the work and can

take up to a year. She noted that this will have an impact on our budget, on a short-term basis and we should plan for that. Joan also discussed the status of the Federal Highway Administration, which is the one that is funding the lower part of the Bethel Mountain Road as well as some of the upper part. Chris Bump, from district 4 VTrans office did a site visit with the Federal Highway folks on May 13<sup>th</sup> and there was agreement that not only should we be repairing the road but also upgrading it to higher standards. There hasn't been an agreement to a dollar amount because everyone needs to have the plans completed by our engineers. The estimates we have so far are close to a million dollars. Dubois and King have completed the conceptual plans. We will be working with our town engineer and get the Final Conceptual Plan and that will give us a better number for the cost of this project. The engineers are on track with completing the plans thus far.

We have an amendment to Dubois and Kings contract for Doon to sign. In addition, there's a little bit of extra work that Sanborn and Head have been asked to do as a result to the comments they have received from the conceptual plans. That will be a subcontract with Dubois and King! Sanborn and Head are the geotechnical engineers have to do about \$2200.00 worth of work to look at the underlayment and paving and see if that is part of the problem and whether it should be upgraded as part of the overall project. There may be more incurred costs but will know more after their findings. The estimated date for Dubois and King to complete the design work and provide us with an estimated cost including putting it out to bid with a construction company is mid-June. Discussion is that 2-3 appropriately sized Construction Companies. The issue is that for the town to get fully reimbursed 100% by the federal government we have to have this fully completed by October 15<sup>th</sup>. That will be a very formal bidding process to get this job done.

There are 3 projects that will be going out to bid this week in the paper. The bids will be due June 10<sup>th</sup>, the next selectboard meeting for opening of the bids.

Joan noted that there would need to be a motion from the selectboard for Doon's signature for the Sub Grant agreement with Vermont Huts. It will be a sub-grant to the town and then we in turn have a sub-grant agreement with Two-Rivers to manage the Velomont Grant. We need an opinion letter from our attorney, and the attorney has asked for a resolution. Pat moved to authorize Doon to sign the agreement and Doon seconded. So, voted.

Joan continued with the Wastewater Bond Project and noted that it was finished and completed last year. She said we have a slightly revised payment schedule to sign. The bond that was voted by the town was for \$505,000.00, which is what we spent on the wastewater upgrade site 1 & 3. The amount that was forgiven was \$242,500.00. Our actual loan to have to pay back is \$262,500.00. It's a 20-year fixed loan at 2% with a yearly payment of \$16,053.64. Slight calculation that need a signature. Debt service begins in September 2019.

Lastly, Joan spoke about the Stormwater Project at the Town Garage. The agreement is that White River Partnership would manage that contract and they are negotiating with the same consultants who they worked with before. The project must be completed by end of this year due to the Grant terms that White River Partnership has gotten. There is still a dollar amount that we must account for in one way or another. The final design is due to be completed.

Library Updates: Tony suggested that we attend the informative speaker on Thursday talking about various history in the Valley. He suggested to read up on the flyers around town.

Utilities Updates: Terry said that the radio control that came in last week had issues communicating with the device, so they had to order a new unit. The company will be back next week to install. The hydrant also came in last week so within the next two weeks will have in installed. He noted that someone has a sub-pump running into the sewer. He noted that his numbers are way up and if they would come forward, he could come and help them re-route it, to help them out. There's an extra 5,000 gallons a day going through. Its coming from the main part of the village.

Doon spoke about a host of National Foresters from around the country looking at the new bridge on Wing Farm Road talking about water management and fish management. Chris Mattrick and Dan McKinley were speaking there.

Marvin spoke about the Park committee and suggested the participation of the Farmers Market and how they should rotate around the park to rejuvenate the grass, so it doesn't wear it down. The participation is increasing and happens on a weekly basis and thought he should suggest to the selectboard that they move week to week around the park to allow the grass to breathe.

Marvin also brought up the issue about the two donations, The Kirkpatrick and Martin Farms to Rochester Seniors. The selectboard would need to release the funds so they can be awarded. Marvin noted that he would be willing to present them.

The 15<sup>th</sup> year of 100 on 100 relay scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>. They are seeking permission from the town to pass through on Route 100 and will also need permission from the school for the parking lot use as a transition area. Doon moved to approve and Pat seconded. So, voted.

Harland had an additional Public Records request for records for Pine Gap Road. Doon said that the records are there and open to the public. It was suggested that he could come in and do the research for those records.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith