

Selectboard Meeting

Monday, June 25, 2018

6:15 pm

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Terry Severy, Jaimen Benson, Bruce Flewelling, Desmond Piccicuto-Orca Media, Martha Slater, Walt Wells, Diane Teetsel, Juli Reiderer, Gary Kessler, Harland McKirryher, Carol Monroe-EC Fiber, Joan Allen, Bud Venturini, Dave Harvey

Doon called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm, and verified that the meeting was correctly warned.

Agenda Adjustments: Bruce Flewelling asked to comment during the highway portion. Joanne added liquor license and employee contract as well.

Guests: Gary Kessler told the board that they would like to have two fields of riders come through town during the stage race on September 2nd. They would be coming into town, going up over Bethel Mtn, and eventually back through town to head to Middlebury Mtn. Doon recused himself because he owns the Bike Shop. Tom made motion to approve the race, seconded by Pat. So voted. Gary will send insurance forms to the town.

Carole Monroe of EC Fiber explained that the hub that will be placed outside the town office is going to be bigger than expected originally, and will be set on a slab instead of on boards. The board approved the change in construction.

Doon made motion to open the final public hearing for the Park House at 6:23 pm. Juli explained that Rochester received a \$505,000 grant from the Community Development program. \$501,000 was used for renovations and upgrades, along with some other money received from federal and state sources totaling \$1,474,451.00. This paid for planning, architecture, engineering, fire safety upgrades, kitchen upgrades, elevator upgrades, and many windows were replaced as well. All the renovations complied with historic preservation standards. Pat asked if all the work was done by one contractor-there was one general contractor who handled all the subcontractors. She was very satisfied with the work done. No further comments. Doon made motion to close the hearing at 6:27pm, Pat seconded.

Doon made motion to accept the minutes from the 6/11/18 meeting, seconded by Tom. So voted.

Joan told the board she submitted the Bike Ped (sidewalk) grant last Thursday, and we should hear within a month or so. She will be reviewing a lot of information with Mary Russ tomorrow regarding the stormwater master plan. There are 19 possible project sites which need to be evaluated for priority. She is also working road projects, and year end grant expense/income information.

Highway: Bruce reminded the board that at the last meeting he mentioned the USFS road agreement for maintaining Bingo Rd. He spoke with Brian Austin of Rutland and was told that the FS did not allocate any money for grading Bingo this year, but were allocating it for the Wing Brook culvert project. Short discussion ensued.

New property owner Jaimen Benson notified the board that there are some repeat offenders of speeding up and down Austin Hill Rd. These are people who live up past him, and he says they are

driving at least 50 mph. Also, the dust is a huge problem from the cars driving up and down. Doon explained that chloride can be laid down to reduce dust. Jaimen asked if signage could be put up to slow people down as he is not the only person in the area concerned about the speed. It mostly happens at the morning and afternoon/evening commute. The board will ask the constable to do some patrol in the area.

Utilities: Terry noted that the sewer project is moving along. The tanks are in and backfilled, and Terry also noted that he fixed a leak at Julie Marsh's. Tom asked Terry to fix the tires on the pumphouse generator trailer.

New Business: Doon made motion to work with Pace & Hawley, LLC for the FY 17-18 audit, Pat seconded. So voted.

The old specs for roadside mowing were reviewed. Harland asked if we were mowing the entire town, and Tom explained that this is part of the discussion. People can't bid on a project without knowing what roads are to be done. Harland asked if we could mow in June before the chervil goes to seed. All agreed that this would be nice to do, but generally it's optimal to do it before winter, even though not for chervil. Discussion ensued. Dave noted that you can get a mowing attachment for the loader for around \$40,000. Last time we did mowing it was almost \$9000, so it would take around 5 years to make the money back. Short discussion continued. This will go out to bid after July 1 and the board will look into where in town to mow.

Able Waste submitted a contract for FY 18-19 fast trash and recycling. No change in pricing. Doon made motion to continue with Able, seconded by Tom. So voted.

The new owners of the Huntington House Inn submitted a liquor license application. Doon made motion to sign, seconded by Tom. So voted.

Doon made motion to sign the work agreement contract for Marnie Wikel who does Library gardening, seconded by Pat. So voted.

The board agreed to open a grant anticipation line of credit with Mascoma Bank in the amount of \$396,800.00 at a rate of 2.65%. Doon made motion to sign, Tom seconded.

Joanne explained that the town was offered the chance to be part of a class action lawsuit as a town that has not received the proper amount of PILT money. The board will read before making a decision

Old Business: Harland had asked at the last meeting to know what the town has spent to date on the Pine Gap Rd lawsuit, which is \$19205.61. Short discussion ensued.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed. Doon made motion to enter Executive Session at 7:20 to discuss personnel issues. Exited at 8:30 pm.

Action: Doon will offer the foreman position to John Champion and 3rd road member to Tim Bowen.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell