

Selectboard Meeting

Monday, July 9, 2018

6:15 pm

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Nancy Woolley, Marv & Barb Harvey, Terry Severy, Harland McKirryher, Dave Harvey, Martha Slater, Walt Wells

Additions to Agenda: Pat submitted a driveway permit

Doon made motion to accept the minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Pat, so voted.

Meeting was warned in all the correct places.

Marv gave the board his input on roadside mowing and how it should be done in order to be correct. He also gave his input on the roads and the lack of grading for many years. Doon thanked him for his input. Discussion ensued regarding equipment used for grading.

Joan's report: Stagecoach expanding Rt 100 service this fall and would like to possibly use the Park and Ride for a bus stop. They may also be able to help get a little shed there. She and Dana have discussed the possible purchase of a hydro seeder since some of the work that has been contractor out may be done in house with a full road crew. She also told the board that she has been looking for any grants to purchase an excavator. July 25<sup>th</sup> will be the next wastewater job site meeting at 11:00 am.

Terry noted that Hebert did not work last week. He has had trouble with pumps that need to be rewired. The project is moving forward, though.

New Business: Discussion ensued regarding workers comp policies since the Town still has to pay when we are audited for any contractor who does not carry it. Even if companies are exempt by the state, we still have to pay in. Discussion continued. Pat noted that this is under discussion at the legislative level, and they need to step up and make some decisions on this. Tom noted that people who don't carry workers comp have a financial advantage over those who do, and has not been enforced until the last couple of years. This will affect anyone that the town hires, but it has to be complied with. Discussion continued. Possibly the board should contact VLCT for guidance and more information.

A driveway permit for 1338 Austin Hill Rd was received. Dave noted that this is just for access to a piece of property to do some work. Short discussion ensued. Doon made motion to approve, Tom seconded. So voted.

Old Business: The class action lawsuit regarding PILT underpayments was discussed. The board agreed that we won't lose anything by signing on, and made motion to approve. So voted.

Doon noted that we received the final education tax rates from the state. The non-residential tax rate is 1.3829, homestead is 1.4071 and the municipal rate is .5510. Doon made motion to accept the tax rates, seconded by Pat. So voted.

Doon noted that Joanne will clean up the returnables that were left at recycling even though no one was there to pick up. Harland asked if there were more invoices from the attorney regarding Pine Gap Rd. Terry asked if the Fire House could have a key to the Highway diesel tank since the Skip Mart is temporarily out of order. Short discussion ensued. Marvin also noted there is a place on North Hollow Rd that needs to be fixed.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Board entered executive session at 7:00 pm to discuss legal issues, FD diesel fuel. Exited executive session at 8:00pm.

Action taken: Discussed legal matter and meeting with the Road crew. The adjusted Xcav8 invoice totaling \$13,506.85. Dave will resubmit the invoice through Hawk North who carries workman's comp insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell