

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

September 25, 2017

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Jim Bowen, Tom Schnabel

Guests: Terry Severy, Dan Gendron, Martha Slater, Joan Allen, Harland McKirryher, Toni Deslaurier, Mason Wade, Keefer Irwin.

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

Additions to Agenda: Doon added setting a date for a site visit and hearing for the Pine Gap Rd closure.

Doon made motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting, seconded by Jim. So voted. Toni asked how a person would get corrections to the minutes-before the meeting. Joanne noted that she could email the board or Joanne.

Doon read the resolution to authorize the application to re-apply for the Village Designation Center. He made motion to authorize the application, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Pine Gap Road hearing: In order to comply with the timelines, a date of October 30th for the site inspection and hearing will take place on October 30th at 4:00 pm to begin at Pine Gap Rd. Only the section that is proposed to be discontinued will be walked this time. The hearing will take place at 5:30 pm at the Town Office. Short discussion ensued.

Highway: Dan noted that there is a bridge on Jerusalem (Breakneck Road) about ¼-1/2 mile off Jerusalem that needs re-decking. Dan also noted that someone has been “borrowing” gravel from the highway pile. This is not for public use! Dan also noted that someone changed a culvert on Maple Hill Rd, below the access road for Hawk. The board should let the person know that the culvert he replaced has to be 15” and he needs to come get a permit. Short discussion ensued.

The new truck is at Tenco now, and should be delivered in about a month.

Utilities: nothing new. Tom is working on a bright light to help Terry with readings.

Short discussion about garbage for the town, and Joanne will give to Dan weekly so it will be picked up at the garage.

Joan told the board that TRORC is looking for a town rep. Doon noted that Anni Mackay will take on the position. Possibly an alternate can be found in a planning board member, the board will keep trying.

Constables: nothing

Doon asked to have an executive session regarding a real estate negotiation.

Toni asked Jim Bowen if he is any relation to “Smokey” Bowen, which he is. There is no conflict of interest as Smokey is the prior owner of the camp on Thresher Hill Rd and has no involvement in the camp now.

Harland asked where it says that a landowner has to have motorized access to their property. He would like to find where unplowed Class 3 road (from Harland's out to USFS 62) has motorized access. Harland feels it may not specifically say "motorized access", but just access to the right of way which Mr. Mahar already has. Doon noted that he has only seasonal access, and Tom noted that some people might say "where doesn't it say motorized". Joanne noted that this discussion should not take place until the hearing on October 30th so we don't cross over between a Selectboard meeting and a public hearing. Doon noted that roads assume conveyance other than walking. Joan will look at the statutes to see about snowmobile travel on unplowed class 3 roads. Keefer asked to know the criteria for the decision the board will make. It would be good to know how the board comes to their decision. Doon noted that basically it's for the public good for the Town as a whole and this will be discussed at the October 30th hearing as well.

Bills reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell