

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

October 23, 2017

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Jim Bowen, Tom Schnabel

Guests: Dan Gendron, Mark Belisle, Martha Slater, Joan Allen, Nancy Woolley, Terry Severy, Kathleen & Bill Irwin, Harland McKirryher, Mason Wade, Pat Harvey, Marty Mahar, Kristen Casella

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

Agenda Amendments: 2 letters from Townspeople, Park Use request, Sidewalk plowing bid

Prior Meeting Minutes: September 25, 2017 revised meeting-Doon made motion to approve, seconded by Jim. So voted. October 9, 2017 revised minutes-Harland told the board that he had talked with Joanne a couple weeks ago and had specific wording he wanted added, and left both phone and email messages today. Doon read the revised statement to Harland. Doon made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim. So voted. Doon made motion to approve the minutes from two special Selectboard meetings on October 13, and October 20, 2017. Jim seconded. So voted.

Guests: William Brokhof came to explain to the board that his property on Town Line Road is eroding due to the way it is crowned. Gravel is washing into his property and he showed the board pictures. He asked for a solution to the problem, and the water is now heading toward his neighbor as well. The road crew will check on this. Short discussion about ditches and culverts in the area ensued.

Joan Updates: Joan has started review of Class 4 trail/highway in towns similar in size to Rochester that have adopted a class 4 trail/highway policy. She is reading through these policies looking for common threads between them all and will forward to the board when complete. She suggests that the board consider creating a policy as there is no written one at this time. Only state statutes are followed at this time. Mason asked about Joan's update on the class 3 issue and what statutes will be followed for next Monday. Doon will get to this after Joan's updates. FEMA pre disaster mitigation program: Our Local hazard mitigation plan expires in June 2019. We were invited to apply for a grant that will help pay for the update. FEMA will pay 75%, and State may be in a position to pay 25%. Tomorrow is the last day to apply. Board will sign and Joanne will send on to Stephanie Smith tomorrow. Joan noted that there is paperwork to be signed for the final (step 3) for the wastewater revolving loan fund. The bid process is beginning now, and November 17th is the bid opening. The Better Back Roads grant is now called Better Roads, and submission dates have changed from April to November. TRORC advises that we will need a road erosion inventory done in order to be ready for the road permit next year. This could cost about \$10,200.00 with a 25% match. The deadline for this grant is also November 17th. The Board signed the documents. Joan also explained that the Village Center Designation renewal is due in January, but updates need to be done to the Town Plan first. These updates leave very little time for the renewal. The choice is to try and get these items into the current town plan (adopted by both Planning Board and Selectboard) before the January deadline, or to let this designation lapse and then reapply next year.

Library: none

Constables: Mark informed the board that both the DUI grant and Occupant protection (seatbelts) grant were received for a total of \$4500.00. He gave the board copies of the radar sign reports and there are some high speeds. He made a change to the overweight permits that now notes all town roads are ok to travel EXCEPT West Hill Rd and Bethel Mtn Rd. Joanne will send updated form out with any new ones that come in. Mark told the board he attended "truck school", and applied for weights, but doesn't think we will get them. He also noted that their office has mold and the floors are bad. Also, there is no handicap access. This will be looked at. Finally, it was noted that the state will not put signage on Rt 100 recommending no trucks over Bethel Mountain Rd.

Highway: Dan informed the board that someone other than the town road crew or Stockbridge road crew has graded New Boston Rd, and it cost the town money. The road was ditched this spring, and now there is less gravel on the road than there was. Doon will look at the road and reach out to landowners on the road. Sand is being delivered now. Harland noted that there are stakes with orange flags on them below his house by the turnout. It would be good to get a culvert installed there so Dana doesn't get the plow truck stuck.

Utility: Terry will flush hydrants after the second pump is in place which should be done this week if the pump comes in. Discussion ensued. All agreed it will be good to flush them before any water freezes on the roads.

New Business: Park Use application for RASTA Back Country Forum on November 4, 2017. A swap meet will be on the park under a tent. Doon made motion to approve, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Letter from Randy Andrews was received offering services to perform roadside mowing in town.

A letter was also received from Peter Parrish, owner of the Skip Mart to move snow onto the corner of the Park. The board agreed to allow this and will have a contract updated for this year.

The board received a letter from the Library detailing maintenance work they want done on the building.

One bid was received for sidewalk salting and plowing for a three year period. Anthony Paige bid \$5000 per year for 3 years to do the job. Will need to clarify if he is quoting for one year or three years, so Joanne will call. Doon made motion to accept the bid, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Doon made motion to appoint Robert Meagher to the B&F committee, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Mason asked the board about the updates on the Class 3 roads and what procedure the board will use following the October 30, 2017 hearing. Joan has not had time to look into travel on unmaintained Class 3 roads. Harland asked who designates road classes which default to state guidelines. The Board can restrict use, but without a policy can't prohibit use. Keefer noted that the board needs to give the ok to work on a class 4 road. Comments were made about chervil on the roadsides.

Joan reminded the board that 3 pm on November 1st is the bid opening for the Bethel Mtn Rd culvert project.

Mason asked about the attorney whose name Robert mentioned in May 2016. Jim remembered it as being Kevin Brown.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell