

## Selectboard Meeting

Monday, November 12, 2018

6:15 pm

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Ann Smith-consultant, Martha Slater, Susie Smolen, Cheryl & Ray Harvey, Nancy Woolley, Anni Mackay, Bruce Flewelling, Mary Russ, John Champion, Harland McKirryher, Andres Torizzo-Watershed Consulting Associates, David Eric-Orca Media

Doon called the meeting to order at 6:15. Joan Allen noted that there are problems in town with stormwater runoff in the village causing debris and contaminants to flow into the rivers. Resolving these issues will also help to improve our sidewalk situation and she thanked Mary Russ for securing a grant from the State to hire WCA and Ann Smith at no cost to the town. Joan introduced Andres Torizzo who gave a detailed overview of the upcoming projects for Stormwater Mitigation. The three projects they have created plans for in town are as follows:

**Riverbrook Park:** This would entail creating an underground chamber system to collect stormwater that flows down through the town and collects by the bridge just before Robinson Ave. This is the most expensive project at about \$307,000.00

**Town Office:** This would also be an underground system in the small turnout at the Constable's end of the parking lot, and the cost would be about \$118,000.00. This creates a better buffer for the river as well.

**Town Garage:** This would be a concrete tank to collect all the debris/contaminants at the garage. This is only temporary as eventually, something more permanent must happen with the sand and salt at the garage which basically sloughs off into the river now. Cost would be about \$67,000.00

All these systems will need to be maintained, and Ray Harvey noted that he knows of one town who cannot afford to pump their system. Vactor trucks are needed to pump the systems and this can be expensive. Andres agreed and noted that while the systems need to be inspected annually, pumping might only be every several years. There is an underground system in Morrisville that has been in place for 3 years and has not needed pumping yet. The lifetime of these systems is approximately 30-40 years. Discussion ensued about the salt pile at the town garage and what might alleviate the sloughing off into the river. The board thanked Andres for his presentation.

Selectboard meeting began at 7:10 pm.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** Susie Smolen asked to talk about parking lot snow plowing and her fence, and parking at the town office parking lot on election day. She asked John if the road crew could plow snow down toward the back stairs at the office instead of directly into her fence as she usually must replace boards in the spring. John told her that they will do their best. Susie then asked about the bus that was blocking the driveway area that is normally used by the Constables while representing their candidate. She noticed from her porch that people coming down the street had to back up. She felt it

was not a great situation and asked if there was a way to avoid this in the future. Joanne explained that the BCA will have to create a written policy about polling location guidelines.

Doon made motion to accept the minutes from the October 22, 2018 meeting, seconded by Tom. So voted. Doon made motion to accept the minutes from the October 30<sup>th</sup> emergency meeting (amending the line of credit), seconded by Tom. So voted.

Highway: John says not ready for winter! The 550 is out of commission for a few days with hydraulic problems and he is taking it to HP Fairfield on Wednesday. Ray asked where things stand with the slope failure on lower Bethel Mtn Rd. Nothing has happened since meeting with Chris Bump last spring. Joan noted that we have a grant for engineering, and she would like to have Cricket help her create the RFP. Short discussion ensued. Pat would like some photo documentation as a benchmark to be able to document the progress of the slope failure as time goes on. Possibly an engineer could take grade shots as a benchmark.

New Business: Joanne will ask John White if he would continue as Health Officer, so the Board can nominate him. The board signed the contract for Jesse Newmarco to do the Library winter maintenance, and signed the management letter for Pace & Hawley, town auditors for next years audit and the single audit. Also, a letter was received from Janice McCann asking that the roadside in front of her house NOT be mowed in the future.

Old Business: The contract with Brook Field Services was tabled again until the next invoice comes in and the credit is depleted.

Harland asked about what is new in Bingo-most recent invoice is for \$975. Doon explained that there was a motion filed to put off for a month to allow the expert witness to look at Pine Gap Road.

Bills were reviewed, and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell