

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

November 13, 2017

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Jim Bowen, Tom Schnabel

Guests: Bill & Keefer Irwin, William Brokhof, Joan Allen (Assistant) Susan Morse, Joe Cahill, Linda Leehy, Ginny & Eric Bowman, Harland Mckirryher, Kristen Casella, Vanessa Brown, Walt Wells, Marifrances McIntosh, Kevin & Ruth McLoughlin, Nancy Woolley, Terry Severy, Mason Wade

Amendments to Agenda: Bill Brokhof asked to discuss the water situation at his home on Town Line Rd

Minutes: Doon made motion to approve the 10/23/17 minutes, seconded by Jim. So voted. Doon made motion to also approve the 10/30/17 Pine Gap Hearing, the 10/30/17 Special Selectboard meeting, and the 11/1/17 Special Selectboard meeting. Jim seconded all, so voted.

Guests: Bill Irwin noted that he had reserved space for the petitioners. Short discussion ensued, and Bill explained that there are some questions they would like answered before the hearing.

Bill Brokhof expressed his thanks for the water break work done at his driveway. Doon explained that he will need to install a culvert at the end of the driveway which will be his expense. Short discussion ensued.

Walt Wells spoke on behalf of the Pine Gap petitioners. His questions were about the capacity of the conference room for the hearing and wondered if it should be held somewhere else. Also the highway map from the State appears to be incorrect, and the Town should ask for a corrected one. Doon noted that the hearing has already been warned for this room, and Hancock Selectboard, Planning board and the landowner in Hancock have all been notified. Further questions were about the process of work on a class 4 road which involves communication with the Selectboard and the Tree Warden. The board will decide on what standards they will expect from work done. Kristen asked if it will make a difference if travel is by snowmobile or jeep, will depend on the kind of upgrades requested. This is an issue about the road more than abutting landowners. The road is open to anyone now, and question was asked about who is liable if someone gets injured. There was a request that the board increase the time people are allowed to speak, and open meeting law states reasonable time. Short discussion. Mason would like presenters to have longer time to present. Doon noted that the written presentation was given to the board to review from the October 30th meeting. There will be one initial presenter at the December 4th meeting. Harland again asked for the information he requested about having motorized access to property, and Doon told him to look up Title 19, chapter 13, Town Highways 301-318.

Joan's Updates: Contract is signed for the Bethel Mtn Slope repair, and Thursday, November 16th at 2pm is the bid opening for septic repair/construction. She is working with Dan McKinley and P&Z Commission in regard to the downtown village designation.

Utility: Terry told the board that he has ordered the replacement pumps for Site 1 but will be at least 15 days before they arrive. There was an electric charge during the windstorm that took out everything since the pumps were running, including the alarm. Right now Site 1 has to be watched constantly but

he purchased a new pump that will go into the manhole and pump sewage to an alternative site. He will be cleaning dousing chambers first thing tomorrow. Short discussion ensued.

Martha asked if the board could meet early on November 27th due to the Rochester/Stockbridge Merge informational meeting being that night as well. The board agreed they will meet at 5:30 pm on November 27th.

Joan will look online for corrected VTRANS maps. Kristen noted that they have a corrected map because during the time they were investigating purchasing the property the road was shown to go through the property which is incorrect.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell