

Selectboard Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2018

6:15 pm

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Martha Slater, Mike Harvey, Ray Harvey, Mark Blaine, Troy & Kristen LaPell, Nancy Woolley, Walt Wells, Harland McKirryher, Janice McCann

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Adjustments to the agenda: Walt has some thank you's to give. Harland asked for the information regarding the expert witness that he requested at the November 26th meeting.

Doon made motion to approve the minutes from the November 26th meeting, seconded by Tom, so voted. Doon made motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on December 11th with Dean Russell of Russell Graphics, seconded by Tom, so voted.

Walt expressed his gratitude to the board, fire department and all for checking on people in town and especially at the Park House during the snow storm and power outage in November. He noted he is working on finding funding for a generator.

Doon told Harland the name of the expert witness is Brownson Spencer and he works for Spencer and Lapre, LLP not for Casella. Harland asked if he has ever worked for Casella, Doon told him to contact them directly since we don't have any way to know.

Jan McCann explained that the shelter team had a good meeting with Bonnie Bourne, RES principal. Vic will oversee making sure there is always propane for the generator. They are getting keys to the school. Fire Marshall inspected the facility and passed. There is one locker room with a shower off the gym and will be asking for donations of necessary items. Shelter animals must be accepted. She gave the board a script to be used for shelter registration to review. The Selectboard must drive the opening of the shelter. Discussion ensued, and it was agreed that public education and notification is needed.

Ray Harvey told the board that if there had not been a portable generator during the power outage, Rochester, Hancock and Granville fire departments as well as town road crew would not have radio contact. He would like to have a generator and gas tank installed at Terry Severy's house to run the repeater. This would benefit all the towns and the current system is not sustainable. Terry had to run his generator constantly during the power outage. Doon asked if this system will be relevant in the future or will repeaters be phased out. Ray noted that the repeater works where cell phones don't. Ray explained that they have not talked to any other fire departments at this time but plan to at the next officers meeting. The town pays \$1200 per year to Terry for the repeater now. The cost of just the generator uninstalled is \$5093.00. Because the repeater is wired into Terry's house, the generator will need to run the repeater as well as his house.

Lengthy discussion ensued. The fire department will report back after their meeting and grants should be investigated. Discussion continued.

Utilities: Terry had a leak at Site 1, which was repaired.

Joan's Updates: Joan has done some research into the town's ability to have an abandoned truck on Maple Hill towed. Someone is loading it with garbage bags. She has submitted reimbursement requests for both the North Hollow Class 2 grant and for Site 3. Wing Farm is now completely reimbursed. Joan has been talking with Stagecoach about coordinating on a bus shelter at the Park & Ride for students to wait for busses. Cricket McCusker is working on a culvert design for Mt Cushman and will then help with the RFP for engineering on Bethel Mtn Road. Joan is working on an RFP for the small-scale sidewalk project, and she has been talking to Mary Russ about funding for projects for the stormwater master plan.

Pat noted that she attended the school board meeting and discussed the bus shelter. It created discussion as to why the students that need bussing are not waiting at the school. This is because the doors at the school don't open until 7:45 am, and kids need to be picked up earlier than that. If the school can work out details, the school board would not join in paying for the shelter which could change the size of the shelter. She believes that the school board will work something for the students concerned. Short discussion ensued.

Harland asked about plowing Bingo Road. Doon explained that it was plowed through hunting season.

Bills were reviewed, warrants signed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell