

Unapproved Minutes

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Robert Meagher, Jim Bowen, Courtney Severy

Guests: Martha Slater, Nancy Woolley, Dan Gendron, Larry Straus, Marv Harvey, Barb Harvey

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Doon stated there would be a short Public Hearing to finalize Bean's Bridge Road Reconstruction. The same topic was discussed at the last meeting, but last time it wasn't warned. Robert stated Two Rivers Ottawaquechee entered the project into running for an award and it received a "Regional Transportation Award" from NADO. Doon asked if there were any questions/concerns regarding the project. No comments. Doon made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Additions to Agenda: Marv asked about the status of the library transition. Marv noted he was appointed to the stage coach board and that the Town needed to notify the stagecoach of this, so he will be official, he will follow up with Joanne. Marv has been appointed to solid waste and recycling coordinator. Marv asked what his responsibility is as the energy coordinator for the town.

Marv asked if the Town receives notices from the solid waste and recycling company. The board confirmed they do receive notices, it's usually just related to price changes. Larry confirmed there is not much notification unless the price is changing.

Robert confirmed that as energy coordinator Marv should make the town aware of any alternate energy sources that could benefit the town. Marv agreed.

New Business:

Doon made note that there was one change that needs to be made in the minutes from April 11th: Change "Two Rivers Ottawaquechee" to "Two Rivers Ottercreek" in the paragraph about the spring walk around. Doon motioned to approve the minutes with that change, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Doon stated that the Town did not receive a single proposal for the Better Back Road Inventory. It needs to be completed this summer. Robert proposed to use Two Rivers Ottawaquechee, seconded by Doon. So voted. Robert confirmed that Dan would ride around with them and Larry said Dan would need to provide input, so that they could compile an accurate report. Larry suggested letting Rita (TRORC) know that May would be the best timing for Dan. Marv asked about the existing inventory that was completed, Larry confirmed that that was for culverts only and this one will be for road surface conditions.

Robert confirmed there is a working laptop and internet at the Town Garage now.

Doon stated Mike Blakslee of VTrans District 4 wants to meet with the Board next week (5/2 or 5/4 at 8:00am or 2:30pm) to discuss the annual financial plan to be eligible for emergency funds from the state. Board agreed May 2nd at 2:30pm was the best time.

Doon moved to accept the minutes from the special Selectboard meeting on 4/20/16, seconded by Robert. So voted. Meeting was to select a contractor for mowing, 4 Seasons Property Management will be doing it. They also discussed the West Hill slide project.

Doon stated they received the rental agreement for a temporary bridge on West Hill. Robert moved to have Doon sign the agreement, seconded by Jim. So voted. The agreement is with the state for \$210/month.

No update from road department.

Martha asked if it was the Town's responsibility to pick up the trees that were cut along Bethel Mtn. Rd. The board confirmed it was not the Town's responsibility. The majority of the wood is on state land.

Pedestrian/Sidewalk Committee: Doon stated that it was time to call more meetings regarding the sidewalk committee. Martha stated that she wanted to be on it. Board will start the process by putting a note in the paper and asking interested parties to contact the Town Office. Once they have a list of interested people they will set a meeting date/time. The grant was just for a study to be completed, this was done & Town has the study/recommendations. The committee will take the study and see what will work for the town, once a plan is agreed upon; the Town can solicit bids for the work.

Doon stated there has been no progress on the Library transition. Robert said the transfer of ownership is on his list of items to discuss with the lawyer (after he finalizes the Oak Lode Road issue). Larry stated he has dealt with two lawyers on this before and they back out due to the peculiarity of the situation. Marv stated this has gone on long enough and it needs to keep moving forward. Marv volunteered to help keep it moving, if Board wants his help. Larry said most likely it will need to be petitioned to a court to modify the deed. Marv stated since the tax payers are paying for it, the Town should own it.

Old Business:

The board will verify with Joanne that Eric Belanger's invoice for work on the Town Office would be paid out of the Town Building Maintenance Fund (reserve fund).

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Executive Session called to discuss personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Severy