

Unapproved Minutes

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

Guests: Martha Slater, Nancy Woolley, Dan Gendron, Terry Severy, Barb Harvey, Marv Harvey, Jeannette Bair

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to Agenda: Constable items (insurance money for stolen speed sign), Joan has updates on miscellaneous items.

Doon moved to approve the minutes from the May 23rd meeting, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Doon moved to approve the minutes from the emergency meeting for the Brown property, seconded by Robert. So voted.

New Business:

Jeannette was present to discuss multiple items regarding the library. She wanted clarification about who is mowing the library lawn. Rich at the Pumpkin Patch used to, but he is not doing it this year. The mowing was not included in the Town mowing bid (notified after bid went out that Rich wouldn't do it), but it should be next year. Jeannette was told to contact John Gorton who has the town contract, she called and he never stopped by. She hired Marnie Wikel instead; however, the contract that Marnie signed is not acceptable and it should be on the new form (Jeannette needs a copy of this from Joanne). The library budget is \$500 for April-October work including mowing, trimming, and gardening. John would be ~\$25/mow so he would be over the library budget. Marnie's contract is not to exceed \$500. Robert recommended that if Marnie can meet the worker's comp requirements then the library can use her, since the contract is for more than just mowing. Jeannette wants to include shoveling of the library in the next bid document that goes out (not this year). Jeannette received a price from Kirk Mitchell for painting the bottom half of the old structure, the price was \$3,000. The money would come out of the Town's Building Reserve Fund. Currently the Town budget is \$5,000. Nancy noted that while they were putting the budgets together they planned to allocate \$2,500 to the Library for painting. Doon authorized Jeannette to find out how much Kirk could complete for \$2,500. Jeannette also noted that they have an issue with water pooling in the furnace room. Ray Harvey looked at it and believes it's from cracks in the concrete gutters. They could fix it for around \$400. If the Library doesn't have that entire amount available, the Town would need to help out with the remaining balance.

Marv asked about the status of the Library Deed. Robert noted that the lawyers are currently working on items regarding the Bowen property in Bingo, then they will work on the Oak Lodge Road issue and then the Library Deed. Process will get underway soon.

Brian McCullough asked about driving equipment (excavator) up West Hill Road instead of delivering it with a truck and trailer. He is excavating for a new foundation. Dan doesn't recommend this and said an excavator would be worse on the road than a truck would be. Robert deferred the decision to the road foreman.

Peter Otten is concerned about the culvert being clogged at his driveway and it causing the road to wash out. Dan will follow up and check it out.

Pierce Hall Community Center submitted a Park Use Form for July 3rd, they want to have an old fashioned ice cream social to celebrate 100 years. Doon moved to approve this, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Joan said last Thursday VTrans met to discuss the revised cost estimates for the West Hill Road project. VTrans reaffirmed they will come up with the money to fund the project. They discussed a way to do the work for less money. This would involve moving the retaining wall 15 feet into the stream. This would need ANR approval since it's a stream encroachment. ANR gave the approval, so a permit will need to be submitted about why they are encroaching on the stream. There were three items they tried to knock down the cost on; (1) eliminating geotext pillows (expensive), (2) cost of retaining wall material and (2) relocating retaining wall into the stream. They are waiting on revised prices. Still hoping to get it done this year. Terricon & Royal Tanner are going over their original design budget, by approximately \$8,500. Costs will be covered by increase in grant. Once they get the revised price the Board will need to approve.

Joan spoke with Green Mountain Power about the (7) street lights that are not working, they are now on the list to get repaired. Martha noted there is a dark spot by the Park House and was wondering if there was any location to install a street light. Robert recommended she bring it up at a street light committee meeting.

Doon said the State would be deciding July 1st about the Park House Grant.

Terry noted that the state should have everything they need by the end of this week regarding the O&M issue. It was done, just never got sent.

Dan said the grater tires would be installed on Monday (6/20). The truck is at Lucky's getting items put on it. Waiting on date for when it's done so they can pick it up.

Marv asked about "pulling shoulders" (removing the sod from the shoulder of the road). This is so water can get to culverts and not run down the roads. Marv also noted there is a catch basin behind the Bean House that is eroding so bad the lawn is starting to wash out. He said the sewer could be exposed sooner than later. The work would be on private property, but it is a town/state storm basin. He stated that the out flow is the problem.

Marv asked who communicates with Fairpoint. He thinks it's unacceptable to leave the wires on the abandon poles for 2+ years; he thinks the Selectboard can put pressure on them to do this work. They should be transferring the wires to the new poles. Nancy also noted that Fairpoint does a crappy job of maintaining their property on the park. Doon will try and get in touch with someone regarding both issues.

Dan noted that the roadside mowing budget was cut this year, so what roads should they focus on? Nancy noted there are (4) roads that don't need it: Jerusalem, West Hill, Bingo and Little Hollow. Those weren't completed last year either.

The speed sign at the North end of town was stolen and they are receiving \$2,500 from the insurance company for it. They are receiving an \$8,000 grant for a video system in the vehicles. Mark wants to know if he can use the insurance money to cover some of the costs for the video systems and then deal with the speed sign when the grant comes in. If the money comes in after July 1st then it would be ok. The speed sign at the south end of town is not working either, but it needs to get sent to Canada for repairs.

Old Business:

The notice regarding the Bingo Property has been posted; it will need to remain posted for 30 days.

Doon said that a second phase environmental study is not required for the new park in town; the Town needs this in writing. Bidding is still on hold until they receive approval in writing from the State.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Severy