

Unapproved Minutes

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

Guests: Martha Slater, Dan Gendron, Barb Harvey, Marv Harvey

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to Agenda: Joan has an update on the West Hill Engineering Work and also wants to discuss Health Connections in the Upper Valley.

Doon moved to approve the minutes from the June 17th special meeting held to review loader bids, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Doon moved to approve the minutes from the June 13th meeting, Jim noted that under “additions to agenda” it should say “Bowen” not “Brown”. Doon moved to approve with the change, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Highway Report:

Dan noted that on Marsh Brook Road, Robert Finkle has a berm that is encroaching into the road, it isn't a problem in the summer but it is in the winter. Dan recommends having him remove some of the berm. Robert will talk to him about this. Robert Finkle wants to be notified when the town cuts trees on his land so he can get the wood, Dan will contact him when they do this.

Dan heard a rumor that First Student (the new bus company) thinks they will be allowed to fuel their buses at the Town Garage. This cannot happen because the town doesn't pay taxes on that fuel and First Student is a private company. It's been ok in the past for the buses to fuel there because the town owned the buses. Doon will notify the school and/or First Student.

New Business:

Marv discussed the upcoming CAB (Community Advisory Board) meeting. This Board was started when the State Police eliminated their outpost officers. The State Police appointed Marv as the Rochester representative. There is an upcoming meeting sometime in July; Marv will follow up with the date once he knows. For the meeting Marv would like to hear the communities concerns regarding the law in the area. Martha will put a note in the paper to have people contact Marv with any comments/concerns they have. Doon wants the State Police to notify the town of any significant situations occurring in town, so that the town is made aware of issues prior to reading about them in the paper. Martha is concerned about people speeding through town. Doon is also concerned about trucks driving over Bethel Mtn. Rd. This is most likely a DMV issue, but could still be brought up at the meeting.

The board reviewed the contract for Marnie Wikel to do the grounds work at the Library. Doon motioned to approve and sign contract, seconded by Robert. So voted.

The board discussed setting the 2016-2017 municipal tax rate of 0.5362853% (an increase of about 5% from last year). Doon motioned to approve, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Dan noted that on West Hill Road a driveway was cut in and culvert installed without a permit. The landowner should have paid the \$50 permit fee; the road commissioner would have reviewed the permit and then could have reviewed the work in that area. The driveway permits are issued by the Selectboard after the road commissioner approves them. Robert will follow up with the landowner about this issue.

Dan met with the Carter's on West Hill Road about placing the bridge on their property and also about the forever easement for the slide area. Carter's are good with this. Joan will write something up regarding these items for them to sign.

The town has loaders coming to try out, one this week and another one after.

Joan said Hoyle, Tanner and Associates, Inc. were hoping the Army Corps of Engineers would agree with the State regarding the relocation of the retaining wall into the brook. Army Corps is reviewing the drawings now and will have comments back by 7/2. Should have answer by second week in July. Hoyle, Tanner will move forward with final design before receiving approval from Army Corps, to help move project forward & get it done this year. Once final drawings and bid package are complete the bid process will take about 3 weeks.

Robert asked about the status of the new park and ride in town. Joan said that a road cut permit needs to be filed. She will work on this.

Dan asked about the status on changing the parking to parallel parking spots across from the Skip Mart. Doon said the town needs to have another meeting with the community to discuss this before changing the layout.

Dan noted that ITI employees are parking on both sides of the road in front of their building. This makes it tight to get through especially in the winter. Someone should talk to them about this.

Doon said the town received CV Oil pre-pay info and a service notice. Robert doesn't recommend doing pre-pay, but the furnace should be serviced.

Joan asked if the town would be interested in discussing Health Connections of the Upper Valley with Catherine Hazlitt. It promotes healthy living, by having towns put ordinances into place (i.e. banning drinking and smoking in public places). She wanted to know if Rochester would be interested in this.

Doon thinks it would be a question for town meeting, not for the Selectboard to decide. So at this time, the town is not interested.

Old Business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Severy