

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2016

Present: Robert Meagher, Jim Bowen

Guests: Marvin & Barb Harvey, Larry Creech, Bruce McCullough, Nancy Woolley

Call to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes: Jim made motion to approve minutes of November 14, so voted.

Guests: Marv Harvey told the board he is concerned about the new Riverside Park and the survey done by the State in March 2015 which is the plan for stormwater retention. He would not like to see anything put in place on the new park that could be removed or destroyed in order to accommodate the stormwater retention plan. Discussion ensued. Marv noted that even though no money has been appropriated for the plan at this time, it should be a heads up for future work on Riverside Park and that area. Marv also asked if Doon has talked with Ryan Slack (AOT) regarding cooperating with the road crew for snow removal in the village. This would include any snow that is hazardous to both pedestrians and drivers. Robert asked if he is referring to snow piles on private land or on town property, and Marvin responded that there is a 4 rod right of way in the village which he has forwarded to Chris Bump. Nancy asked how Dubois and King could have gone so far into planning the new park without following the stormwater retention plan. Robert noted that this is a mapping project and the placement has not been verified for runoff yet. Discussion ensued. The board will need to find out if the Park will interfere with the stormwater retention plan. Robert noted that Joan will look into the possible implications as it may relate to the new Riverside Park.

Larry Creech addressed the board about some West Hill Rd issues. He thanked everyone who worked on the slide in front of Welch's home. Larry noted that he would like to discuss the West Hill Bridge which has a weight class of 16,000 pounds as an older wooden structure. He would like to do some projects at his property but the weight restriction will not allow for them. Before the slide, the weight limit was not adhered to strictly by contractors. He understands that the Town does not have anyone to fix the bridge, but both he and Bruce McCullough would like the Town to apply for a grant for federal funding to increase the weight restriction. They would like to start here at the local level in order to make some changes. They will help in any way possible in finding a grant to improve the bridge, and realize this will be a lengthy process. Robert noted that it is one of the issues to address with the capital plan. Also the Selectboard Assistant was hired to pursue grants, and this is something that she could be asked to look into. Improving the bridge will benefit the town as well. Discussion ensued. Bruce noted that he purchased the land believing that he could build his house on West Hill, but is not able to get contractors to his property to do the work. He has explored every option including having the house air lifted to the land, and feels the weight limit was ignored for many years. Robert noted that the road beyond the bridge is in good shape and has a 24,000 pound restriction. Discussion continued. Larry would like to get paperwork going this winter to address the county/state. Robert told Larry that he will

mention this issue to Joan. Dan suggested they contact the Stream Alteration Permit contact and see if he would allow them to cross the brook.

Joan's Updates: There will be a meeting between town officials and Michael Blakeslee and Chris Bump of VTRANS to review final numbers. The meeting will be Wednesday December 7th at 1:00 pm. Robert and Jim will try to attend. She is also working on certificate of completion for the project. RSMS 11 software has been downloaded and TRORC will be in touch with Joan soon. Joan has asked TRORC if they could provide any assistance in finding a recycling/trash contractors. They suggest that the board check with Able in Plymouth.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: Robert noted that Paul Hannan has submitted a draft of his work on the Oak Lodge Road issue. The board will review the report and Paul will attend the December 12, 2016 meeting to answer questions. Once the board approves the draft, it will be forwarded to the attorneys for their opinion.

New Business: Update Emergency Plan: Nothing provided, no discussion.

Brook Field Services Annual Agreement: The contract was reviewed for the maintenance of the generator at the elementary school. Discussion as to signing the maintenance one time per year contract or the two times per year ensued. Jim made motion to sign the one time per year maintenance contract, seconded. So voted.

Discussion on changes in the phone service (Centrex, provided by Fairpoint) were tabled.

Robert touched on the draft by Paul Hannan.

Jim asked to add Executive Session to discuss a payroll issue. Motion made by Robert to enter executive session at 7:15pm. Exited at 7:37pm.

Action: none

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell