

Unapproved Minutes

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

Guests: Martha Slater, Dan Gendron, Terry Severy, Judy Pierce, Mac McGuffin, Chris Mattrick, Nancy Woolley, Barb Harvey, Marv Harvey.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to Agenda: Robert added an update about Oak Lodge Road. Chris was present to discuss fundraisers that require Town approval. Jim wanted to add the recent water system violation. Mac wanted an update on the West Hill Road project.

Doon moved to approve the minutes from the August 8th and August 22nd meetings, seconded by Robert. So voted.

New Business:

Chris was present to discuss 2 groups – (1) School group going to Ecuador and (2) the Witchester Baseball Team that would like to do a coin drop on Bethel Mountain Road near the verde antique monument right in town. The Ecuador group would like to have on the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend. The baseball team would have one at a later date, most likely in the spring. Robert moved to approve the coin drop, seconded by Doon. So voted.

Doon discussed the Watershed Management Division proposal the Town received. It proposed changing Bingo Brook and Smith Brook from Class B to Class A. No decision needs to be made right away, no action was taken.

The West Hill Road project was discussed; Mac was wondering when he would be able to use the road for access to a project he has. Doon said the engineer from the state said it's dry enough so there shouldn't be any problem driving on it. Robert would like that in writing from an engineer. Mac asked if the contractor if he could use their bridge for access and they were ok with it; however, the head bridge engineer with the state told Jim that no one except the contractor can use that bridge. Robert will follow up with Cricket to see if he can get something in writing about using the road.

Marv was present to discuss stormwater runoff in town, he provided a letter summarizing his recent meeting with a State stormwater drain repair and maintenance person and the Selectboard. (See attached statement at the end of these minutes). Marv wants the Board to be more aware of the Federal Clean Water Act, he also said the board needs to look at a way to address the stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. Marv would like to continue the dialog with the State to continue to deal with the towns stormwater runoff.

Doon brought up the recent water issue/violation. Terry stated that he took the water and sewer samples down to the testing facility at the same time. The facility messed up, but never let him know. He will retake the water samples and send the results directly to Ben. He told Terry there shouldn't be any issues or violations after the testing is complete.

TRORC Clean Water Advisory Committee needs to appoint a member, Joan volunteered. Doon motioned to approve Joan for this position, seconded by Robert. So voted.

The board signed a reimbursement form for the West Hill Project.

The existing driveway permit application needs to be revised/updated. Robert wants it to refer to the Back Roads Manual/Standards. Robert will work on updating the permit application.

Joanne submitted a letter regarding the constables at the crosswalk during the morning/afternoon when school is in session. She is asking that Mark park at the Catholic Church and run radar when he is available. Doon will give Mark the letter and discuss his schedule to see what his availability is.

Doon stated the Board received a park use permit from Rita Peck, she is a Jehovah Witness and would like to set up a Public Witnessing Cart on Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 3-6pm. This would be a place where people to go to ask questions/take literature about the Bible. Robert moved to approve this, seconded by Jim. So voted.

There was a discussion about adding a clause to the existing park use form stating that the park needs to be cleaned up and large items need to be put back where they were found after events.

Dan said the reclaimed material on the road shoulder won't take place this year.

Doon stated the person who shoveled the sidewalk at the Library last year doesn't want to do it this year. The Library would like this work to be added on to the town bidding for sidewalk shoveling/plowing. The contract still has another year left, so it won't happen this year. The board will check with Mike to see if wants to do it.

Doon and Nancy looked in the creamery, she would like to move some of the historical society items out of the old fire house and into that space. Board said it would be ok to do this.

Old Business:

Robert talked to Paul Hannan, he will be reaching out to both parties involved. It will be late October before he has an answer/response.

Doon stated they have been talking with the lawyers about a lease for the people who wants to rent the old fire station and open a brewery there. Terry asked who is responsible for the maintenance, it needs

a lot of work. Terry also asked what it would do to the sewer, how much waste would they have. Doon will check with them. Terry noted that the state will need to approve this and that they might say no since that building is currently tied into Site 1. The best option would be to tie it into Site 4.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Severy

Statement to the Select Board and the Citizens of Rochester
to be entered into the minutes of the select board meeting,
September 12, 2016

By
Marvin Harvey

On Wednesday morning, August 31, 2016 I telephoned the VTAOT District #4 headquarters in White River Jct. and talked to Chris Bump about the condition and discharge of the storm water run-off drain under Route 100 in Rochester Village. While I explained to Chris my concerns, he asked if he could switch me onto speaker phone so that the person in charge of storm water drains repair and maintenance could listen in. Chris and the man in charge took my concern seriously since they had a repair to be made in Route 100 near the firehouse. The conversation ended and I went to work in an apartment in the Hardware Block.

At about 10 o'clock my cell phone rang. They had called my home and Barb had given them my cell phone number. It was the repair man asking if he could meet me that day at 11:30 in front of the old fire house to gather information and I accepted.

Since I had not been under the bridge near Robinson Avenue for a couple of years I thought I should before he came to appraise myself of the discharge into the brook. I knew I should have a select board member present, preferably the chair, so I interrupted Dune at his place of business and he agreed to meet with us at the appointed time.

I then proceeded to the bridge with a shovel and a hoe and made my way through the jungle of Japanese knotweed to get under the bridge. There I found the end of the discharge pipe covered over with gravel. I uncovered it so it could run a little but the pipe is about one-half full of sand.

When Dune and the supervisor arrived we all went under the bridge to visually observe the situation. We then walked the entire length of the storm drain, so that changes could be made on the inaccurate state map. Dune then left us and another select board member joined us on the bridge and discussed the situation further. At that point the third select board member joined in only to inform the state man that Marvin Harvey had not been authorized by the select board to speak to anyone about the Vermont state storm drain.

I am here to inform this board and the citizens of Rochester and the state that this outburst was completely out-of-place and unprofessional, and that I will continue on my self-appointed mission to help make the state's water a little cleaner.

Signed: Marvin C Harvey Sept 12, 2016