

Selectboard Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2019

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel and Pat Harvey

Guests: Martha Slater, Joan Allen, Walter Wells, Nancy Woolley, Joanne McDonnell and Harland McKirryher

Doon called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to Agenda: Joanne asked to discuss the Park House water meter issue.

Minutes: Doon made motion to approve the minutes from the January 14th Special Town Meeting, seconded by Tom. So voted.

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Joanne spoke to the board about the usage of water for the Park House water bill. The fourth quarter reading was very high. The situation was brought to the attention of Terry Severy in the town office. Terry identified the new water meters were incorrectly installed and perhaps running backwards. Joanne discussed that she needed to talk to the Trustees about the contractor that initially installed the water meters. After reviewing the water usage from each quarter and narrowing the problem down to the fourth quarter, Joanne had asked the board if they could wave the interest on the current water bill. Nancy asked what the bill was in 2017 and if we could adjust billing to an average of the 2017 billing. Tom noted that we could look at the historic data to come up with a reasonable amount. The board agreed that it would be the simplest solution.

Joan Updates: Joan informed the board of the rundown since the last meeting. There were no major updates. Two Rivers memo on the Transportation Capital Project Prioritization. Two Rivers, on behalf of their district poles the towns for what projects would be done and which would include town owned bridges, repairs and replacement work of any sort plus what VTrans proposed to do on the State System and with looking at the maps and list of priority projects for this year, which are chosen by a committee and Two Rivers. There is nothing proposed for Rochester.

Working on the annual financial plan for VTrans. Joan noted that she will be setting up a meeting with Chris Bump to go through in a few weeks.

White River Partnership filed 2 Grant requests for the Town Garage Project. We will hear about that late February, early March.

Joan discussed getting the drawings and specifications for the sidewalk project. She will be working with Cricket to go over some of that stuff. The State has offered the folks where we got the Grant at VTrans to look at it and critique it before we submit to review for archeological resources and usual environmental issues (Same as Park and Ride) There's also an 11-11 permit which gives permission to work in the state right of way.

Pat asked if there would be an overlay between the two projects-Sidewalks project and the Stormwater project and if there would be any duplicating. Joan reassured that they were deliberately chosen because they wouldn't have an impact on the stormwater runoff. She explained that it's really a pilot project to demonstrate what the sidewalks could look like throughout the village so they could solve some problems like for example the slope by the Hardware and School St.

Next Cricket has finished the Mount Cushman Culvert Design. As soon as the Town is in position to apply for this VTrans Grant/Structures Grant. The Structures Grant means we would qualify for 90% and we would need to match out 10%. Possibly we could work with White River Partnership for the 10% match.

Finally, Culvert Replacements lead us to the last issue. Through the U.S. Forest Service Funding, status since Irene have received quite a bit of money for an Umbrella Grant. Cooperative Road Agreement has paid for road maintenance or shared cost of road maintenance on Bingo Road and West Hill Road. We received \$2300.00 every year since Irene to help with that and in addition that is where the 2nd part of the agreement through AOP culvert placement projects that we have also received. These both have depleted the funding and now in search of more funding in the future.

Library: none

Constables: Mark announced that there will be a Rabies clinic set up at the Hancock Fire Department on March 20th from 5-7 pm.

Highway: Doon announced that the crew may have the new Ford F550 back by the end of the week.

Utilities Operator: Doon noted earlier discussed about the Park House water meters

Old News: Doon explained that they are still waiting on completing the 2019 Highway Mileage Certificate. We still have a little more time till due and Bruce is still working on it when he can.

Executive Session: Meeting will take place after the Selectboard meeting

Bills were reviewed and warrants were signed.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith