

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

July 13, 2015

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Robert Meagher, Jim Bowen, Joan Allen (Administrative Assistant) Joanne McDonnell

Guests: Terry Severy, Nancy Beattie

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. Additions to the agenda are as follows:

Gravel at West Hill Rd, Net Metering, Little Hollow Ditching & correspondence from homeowner, Pet signs, West Hill Slide, projects for Joan. Robert made motion to approve the additions, seconded by Doon, so voted.

Doon made motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 meeting, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Guests: Nancy Beattie gave the board a handout of the information she had passed out at a prior meeting. Robert thanked her for all her work on the property and noted that from what he has seen, this is the most informative information he has received. Nancy explained the maps and the parcels now and back in 1948 which is when the road was discontinued. Short discussion ensued, and the board thanked Nancy for her time again.

Water: Terry told the board that there will be some increase in our fees for the wastewater treatment facilities. Notice was received from VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation that the fees would increase, but Terry did not think it would be a large amount.

Terry also noted that he has received a quote from Underwater Solutions to clean the reservoir. The quote is for approximately \$4200.00. Discussion ensued about whether we could do this ourselves, but Terry noted that this has been tried in the past, and is much more expensive but less effective than having Underwater Solutions do it. We also don't have to chlorinate the water when U.S. does the job. Doon made motion to authorize Terry to write up a purchase order to Underwater Solutions as approval of reservoir cleaning on Brook St. Robert seconded, so voted.

Terry noted that he has ordered some of the meters and EJP will come and measure the larger ones so they will fit into the holders correctly.

New Business: The board agreed that the Constables can renew the permit for the radar signs at both ends of town. Posts will need to be put up so Dig Safe can approve, then the Highway crew can set posts. Joanne will let Mark know. Short discussion ensued about the handicap parking sign for the Library, but the Trustees and PHCC need to decide where they want the sign to go.

Doon nominated Robert Meagher as Road Commissioner, seconded by Jim. So voted. Robert nominated Larry Straus as Assistant Road Commissioner, seconded by Doon. So voted.

Joan Allen, Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard reviewed the Park & Ride grant with the board. No funds can be used in the "old AI parking lot" because it is located in the floodway under the "New Park" funding but with the Park & Ride grant, it could be done. There is a 10 car parking space minimum for the project. There is also partial funding for an electric charging station as well. Discussion ensued. Another thought is to use the "Little Park" across Rt 100 from the Firehouse. That is not used at all but Terry noted that there are water/sewer lines across the Little Park. Engineering and construction are covered with the grant. Joan will look into this, and Terry noted that the water line would be of high importance.

Joan will attend the September 9th Government Municipal Workshops.

The board asked Joan to look into what other towns may have partnered with Efficiency VT for streetlights. She will check with Green Mtn Power as well to see if they are aware of this program.

Robert asked Terry about tapping into the wifi at the firehouse for the town garage. This is paid by the town, so there should not be a problem with sharing it.

Doon made motion to approve the liquor license received from When Words Count Retreat, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Larry Plesent gave Doon more information on the net metering situation. The opportunity with the hydro power in Winooski has passed, but Sun Edison will do a 20 year agreement for 16% discount on our current rate. Discussion ensued. Joanne will forward the info to Evan Chadwick for legal review and Joan will do some research into it as well.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the gravel owned by Randy Andrews on Rt 73. Randy spoke with Jim, and per the Planning Commission, it has to be removed by Labor Day weekend. There is approximately 2000 yards and he will sell for \$6 per yard as is or \$12 per yard crushed. This gravel will be needed right at West Hill Rd when we start working on it. Jim noted that he told Randy that the board would have an answer by the next meeting so he is not held up. Jim will talk to Randy about a price for crushed and delivered. Joan noted that she spoke to Chris Bump today regarding West Hill and he noted that we need to be sure to get the right kind of engineer for the project. He is working on our behalf for an emergency grant through the state. Someone will need to meet with Chris Bump to review the road situation and the board agreed that it is worth evaluating the road further west that connects to West Hill past Burke's camp.

Little Hollow Rd ditching was discussed. Dan got specs from Dave and Charles about the machines they would use. Dave's machine is 11 metric ton, 5' cleanout and .85 capacity, and Charles' is 20 metric ton, 5'2 bucket and 1.75 capacity. Charles' machine is almost twice the size as Dave's. The job would happen twice as fast which would tie up town personnel for half the time. . Discussion ensued. Doon will talk to Charles about the job. Short discussion ensued.

Jim Bowen asked to have "clean up after your dog" signs for the new park and ballfields. There have been some people who are not doing this. He will forward a photo of the sign that Brandon uses, and Joanne will order.

Joan gave the board a letter from a Little Hollow resident who voiced his concerns about the continuing overall terrible condition of the road. Robert will respond.

The board reviewed the contract with K.A. Bagley for the debris removal. Short discussion ensued regarding the timing of this work in conjunction with the annual roadside mowing.

Park use application was approved for June 11, 2016-Graduation.

Joan told the board that Ray Dougherty, of Hazard Mitigation would like to schedule a visit to the two FEMA buyout properties on July 29th at 11:30. Doon will attend with Joan.

Joan reviewed the time sheet templates with the board, and short discussion ensued regarding what tasks they would like her to perform.

Bills were reviewed, warrants signed.

The board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:10 pm and invited Terry Severy. Exited Executive Session at 8:35 pm. Action: The board approved the pay rate for Terry Severy as Water Sewer Operator town employee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell