

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

July 27, 2015

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Robert Meagher, Jim Bowen, Joan Allen, Joanne McDonnell

Guests: Martha Slater, Lesley Straus, Virginia & Jeff Breslow and Aria, Chris Mattrick, John Allen, Tom Fabboli, Terry Severy Dan Gendron,

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to the agenda: Roadside mowing bid, Road Grants, Computer for Town Garage, West Hill update and regular mowing

Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 meeting, the July 7th and July 16th special meetings. So voted.

Jeff Breslow introduced himself. Jeff and Virginia are homeowners in the Hawk community. He was a toy designer in Chicago and has since switched his craft to sculpture with rock and steel. He would like to use the boulder that was dug out of the riverbed during the temporary bridge building at the junction of Rt 100 and Rt 73 to do a commemorative sculpture to honor all those who did so much after Irene. Jeff has discussed this with Chris Mattrick, USFS Ranger who suggested that the sculpture be moved onto USFS land between the pump house and the DeCoff house. Jeff showed an example of the kind of work he does and will call it Fury of Irene. He will be donating his time and the steel for the sculpture. Chris Mattrick explained that the USFS does not allow memorialization on federal property, but they will allow a monument to a place or event. Discussion ensued. Tom Fabboli of VT Verde Antique Marble Quarry noted that between his machine and Ray Harvey's, they should be able to move the stone some distance. Jeff would like to see a committee of townspeople who would work with him. Further discussion ensued about exactly where the sculpture should be placed. There is an old section of train track that is completely overgrown now, but would be a good spot to use, and the stone would not have to be moved too far. Chris noted that if the town does use USFS land, he will need a letter requesting that. The board thanked Jeff for his presentation and offer.

Water/Sewer: Terry has ordered the meters, they should be here within 3 weeks. He wants them to be installed by September. Robert asked about the master meter, and the fellow from EJ Prescott will look into that as well.

Hwy: Little Hollow Rd ditching will begin after the Bethel Mtn Rd paving is complete-approximately the second week in August.

Doon noted that Jim Brown, our original sign builder gave a quote of \$400 for the sign on the north end of town. The board approved the restoration of the sign. Discussion ensued regarding the fuel pre-buy option from CV Oil. In the end, Doon made motion to pass on the pre-pay option, seconded by Robert. So voted. Short discussion ensued regarding the possibility of buying our own tanks. Short discussion ensued regarding the late filing penalties for homestead declarations. Robert made motion to authorize the Clerk to have the listers waive the penalty, seconded by Jim. Doon abstained. So voted.

There was only one bid received for roadside mowing. K.A. Bagley, Inc. bid \$12,020.00. Robert made motion to approve the bid, seconded by Jim Bowen. So voted. Dan will contact Kevin Bagley.

Robert noted that we did not receive the Structures grant or Class 2 paving grant this year. We did receive the Better Back Roads grant for culvert inventory.

West Hill Rd update-Robert noted he is hoping to set up a meeting with Joan, Selectboard, Chris Bump, the state engineer and Cricket McCusker within the next week or so to review the problem. Short discussion ensued.

Robert noted that the road crew needs a computer at the town garage, and most likely a laptop as well. Joanne noted that Becky Donnet was going to clean out the old town computer and use it for the garage. Robert will set up wifi from the firehouse.

Jim noted that the Babe Ruth people have complained about the ballfield not being mowed, and also that the reservoir has not been done. He also mentioned that the mowing around the monument could be done more often. Doon will talk to Mike about these items.

Jim noted that Randy Andrews wants to get some information together for the board regarding the gravel he has near West Hill Rd. He is willing to keep discussions open until the August 10th meeting.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Joan Allen updated the board on the following items: Park and Ride Grant, Efficiency VT for street lights- Robert made motion to authorize Doon to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Efficiency VT, seconded by Jim. So voted. Signing this will enable Efficiency VT to investigate if this would be financially worthwhile to the town. GMP will also need to provide some info as well. Evan Chadwick looked over the net metering agreement with SunEdison and would like further information on some points. VLCT will let Joan know if a 20 year agreement is ok to enter without town approval.

There will be a meeting with Jim Bryant Wednesday in Little Hollow. Jim is part of the Gravel Roads project and may have helpful information about how to improve that road. Short discussion ensued.

Short discussion ensued regarding the WIFI hotspot. Joan also asked the board to consider switching our tax maps over to GIS mapping. Short discussion ensued, and Angus McCusker will be contacted for help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell