

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

August 24, 2015

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

Guests: Nancy Maston, Terry Severy, Mike Harvey, Troy LaPell, Martha Slater, Larry Plesent, Rhoda Stockwell Larry Straus

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting so the board have time to review.

Joan Allen asked to add discussion about the Vt Resiliency project (WIFI Hotspot) and also the street lights at the junction of Rt 73 and 100 to the agenda.

Larry Straus noted that the two street lights that are at the junction of Rt 100 and Rt 73 were put in at our request when the bridge was being built after Irene. The State agreed that they would put in a light in that area after the bridges were complete, and Larry has sent several emails to Jennifer Fitch, project manager who has agreed that they will install them. The light at Bingo Rd has been installed, and Larry suggested that we ask GMP to take the two lights out so we can get the pole placed and light installed by the State. Doon will call GMP to have them removed, and Larry will email Jennifer again to get the process going.

Rhoda Stockwell spoke as a representative of the Farmers Market group regarding trash on the Park. There has been a problem with recycling and trash being thrown in the same bin. Jon Benson cannot pick up mixed product due to the new regulations, and it was also noted that many travelers drop bags of trash and recyclables into the garbage bins from their cars as they pass through town. Lengthy discussion of how to fix this problem ensued. Jim Bowen made motion to remove all the containers from all parks, including the athletic field and Skatespace. Doon amended the motion to remove the bins only from the Park and to leave at Skatespace and Athletic field for another month to see what happens. Discussion continued. It was decided that the recycling containers will be made available to groups that use the Park, and these groups will be responsible for trash and recycling during their events. Robert seconded the amended motion, so voted. Jim will talk with Jon Benson tomorrow about this situation.

Terry noted that the Fire department figured the finances for a new fire truck. The cost of the truck would not exceed \$350,000.00, and there is about \$193,000.00 in the equipment reserve fund. The way the truck will be purchased is a lease-purchase, at the end of the 10 years, they will pay \$1 for the truck. They would also like to sell the old truck and see the proceeds from that sale go back into the reserve fund instead of being applied to the lease of the new truck. All the trucks are aging, and the tanker will need a new chassis very soon. Joan Allen researched this and VLCT advised that this can be done by a town vote and a non-appropriation clause in the contract. The town would have to vote the expense every year at town meeting for the 10 year period or to have one special meeting and vote the purchase. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that it will be easier to have a special town meeting, and the

board decided to have this meeting on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 5:30 pm. The warning and article will go in the paper for the September 3rd edition.

Larry Plesent spoke about the possibility of net metering and joining with SunEdison for a 20 year contract. Joan spoke with VLCT about this and they could not give a firm answer and recommended that the town attorney review which Evan Chadwick did do. This will be added as an article to the October 5th special town meeting warning. Short discussion ensued about the wording of this article. Larry Plesent will look into this. Larry Plesent noted that we would be contracting for a piece of a solar array in the GMP area to get a discount on our electricity. He contacted three companies, and SunEdison has the best offer for us which would be a 16% discount. Worst case scenario, if the company goes out of business we go back to paying what we are paying now, so we won't lose anything by signing the contract. Doon made motion to add an article for a net metering contract to the warning for the October 5, 2015 special town meeting, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Nancy Maston updated the board on her search at the Class 4 road on Oak Lodge. She has researched Dora Darrah and her property, and noted that none of Dora's 3 properties abutted TR#4. Her properties were "the Cudworth place, the Bemis place near the Fiske Commune, and her homestead was in the area of the quarry. She will do a more formal presentation soon. Robert noted that in his opinion there is no evidence that steers him to justifying the claim made by Deb and Bill Matthews. Nancy's evidence is compelling and he sees no reason to change the status of the road. Short discussion ensued, and Robert thanked Nancy for her information.

Water/Sewer: Terry noted that he responded to John A regarding the annual review. He will forward a copy of his response to Robert.

Grant anticipation Line of Credit: Joanne noted that she requested rates from both Mascoma Savings Bank and Lake Sunapee Bank for a grant anticipation line of credit. Mascoma offered 2.20% for a one year term with the amount of \$335,000.00 and LSB offered 2.74%. We received the final bill from Hebert Construction for the North Hollow Culvert project for \$128,258.00. One item in the Mascoma proposal needs clarification so Joanne will contact them. Robert made motion to authorize the chair to sign the Line of Credit after clarification of the depository requirements, seconded by Jim Bowen. So voted. Once Hebert is paid in full, we can apply for the \$175,000 grant reimbursement. Short discussion ensued regarding the concrete testing that we have paid for. Larry will double check on that line item. Overall, Larry noted he was very pleased with the work done by Hebert Construction.

West Hill Rd Scoping Contract-Kricket noted that it will not exceed \$10,000 but this does not include boring costs. This scoping study has to take place in order to gather enough information to create an RFP. The state is on board with this, and Larry noted that this will be a 90/10 grant. Doon made motion to execute the West Hill Rd Scoping study, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Salt bids-Joan has been working on this. The bulk purchase price was higher than the quote Cargill sent directly. District 4 received a quote from Cargill for an amount of \$86.03/ton. The direct quote from Cargill to the town was \$78.54/ton for an estimated 475 tons. Larry suggested signing the contract to the town immediately and send it back. Robert made motion to approve Cargill contract for \$78.54, seconded by Doon. So voted. Jim made motion for Doon to execute the West hill Scoping Contract when it arrives, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Robert noted that there is a petition circulating that is asking the voters to elect a road commissioner instead of appointing one. He noted that there is no policy on Road Commissioner duties, and also that the Selectboard directs the duties of the Rd Commissioner.

Joan noted that the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation has a new program that will in the future permit the legislature to direct all towns to have permits for unpaved roads. This will mean that assessments of our dirt roads will need to take place-something for future reference.

Robert sent a draft of a Memo of Understanding between Granville First Response and the Town. Monica Collins of the Hancock board wrote it up, Robert is meeting with her and Danielle in order to finalize compensation and also the responsibility of Granville's First Response. Short discussion ensued.

Water Supply Asset Management review-a meeting was held between Lance Phelps and Robert Clark of Phelps Engineering, Robert, Joan and some other officials. There was a chance there might be some grant money for asset management and there is, but it is an "in kind" match using Robert and Terry's time. Short discussion ensued. There is a planning grant for drinking water that could be up to \$15,000. There is some extensive training involved for asset management and Joan will get the dates of these trainings to Terry and Robert so they can possibly split the dates. Short discussion ensued regarding documentation of the systems. There is some documentation for the water system but Robert will check with Phelps to see if they have something for the sewer system. We need better documentation.

Joan noted that she and Joanne had a short discussion about the possibility of trying to invite townspeople to volunteer time to help with details of some projects. For example, the Efficiency VT for Led lighting has a manual that will take hours to read through and there is a lot of preparation and documentation to be done with this project. Just an FYI for the board to keep in mind.

Terry is calling tomorrow for a shipping date on the water meters. The Leak inspection survey showed two leaks in Woodlawn cemetery. They also showed Terry how to detect leaks in the future. Short discussion ensued about the work involved in changing over the meters.

The Park & Ride grant application was discussed. Joan would like some guidance from the Selectboard on this grant, as it goes along with the New Park grant as well. Doon and Joan met with the Dubois & King engineers who did the original design of the park. They went down to the park itself and after mapping out the area, it appears that the parking area is going to take up more of the park than originally anticipated. They are looking at the little park across Rt 100 as a possible Park and Ride area. Short discussion ensued regarding a possible fire department parking area and the original parking design. If we apply for the Park and Ride grant, we will need to provide 10 spaces. Joan noted that there are smaller grants for smaller parking areas too, and they can be gravel surfaces. At this time, we can sign the contract with D&K for design work but no construction can happen. Robert made motion to authorize the chair to execute the agreement with Dubois & King for the next phase of engineering at the "New Park". Jim Bowen seconded, so voted. Terry noted that there is a 1 ½ inch water main that runs thru the little park that would need to be dug up and blue boarded.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell