

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

September 28, 2015

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

Guests: Martha Slater, Dan Gendron, Kenny & Nancy Beattie, Terry Severy, Joan Allen, Dave & Patty Harvey, Mason Wade, Marvin & Barb Harvey,

Doon called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm, directly following the Pre-Town Meeting.

Robert made motion to add the following amendments to the agenda: Consulting a lawyer regarding the Class 4 road issue, Rob Gardner-Emergency Management Planning, Load Limits/ticketing trucks over Bethel Mt Rd, Snow removal in the village and Water system documentation

Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Guests: Harland Mckhyrrer asked if it had been clarified that the two articles included on the petition he submitted can be voted at the same town meeting. It has been clarified, and both articles CAN be voted at the March 2016 town meeting since we vote from the floor. He also asked if the proposed 3rd road crew member could be a working road commissioner.

Mason Wade noted that some people in town may need help with backup power and it may be beneficial to the town to help some residents find backup power. He also noted that people should slow down and buckle up and stop idling cars. He would like the board to understand his frustration in the number of vehicles left idling these days.

Nancy Beattie noted that what Ms. Matthews had submitted regarding the status of the Class 4 road between Buttles Rd and Oak Lodge Rd is actually a recorded road in the Granville Land records. She also asked what the time frame is for the board to make a decision on the information that has been submitted. Robert noted that the board would like to speak with an attorney about the issue.

Snow Removal was the next topic. Marvin noted that snow in town must be removed as it creates hazards. For past years, the town and state removed snow from the village, but the state will not pay their workers to do this any longer. David Harvey is in town early in the am, and has seen that someone pushes the snow from the area in front of Sandy's Bakery and the BCK building over to the pile in front of the Laundromat. Something has to be done to get the snow out of the village. Lengthy discussion ensued. It was noted that currently we dump snow at Osha's bend, but will soon need permission from the State to do this. No decisions were made other than the fact that something must happen for safety reasons.

3rd Road Crew member: Robert noted that he had forwarded some information about the lack of gravel and how much our roads are missing over the years. If we get extra gravel will two men be able to get it on the roads in a timely manner? Discussion ensued regarding the option of budgeting for a 3rd man

which would also remove the need for a third snowplowing person. We used to have 3 member road crews, but for the past 10+ years, it has been only two. This will be discussed during budget talks along with gravel. It was noted that Braintree has less road to cover with a 4 man crew.

Disaster Planning/Emergency Management: Our new Emergency Management Coordinator would like to see a committee formed to work on disaster planning. The board agreed to table this to the next meeting.

Water System: Robert noted that he and Terry have attended Asset Management Workshops for the Utility system, which helps learn ways to document and maintain the assets of the Utility system. He noted that the pumps at the pumphouse do not run on VFD's and he has asked Tom Allen of LCS Controls to look into it. He also asked Phelps Engineering to help with the documentation of the system.

Class 4 Road issue: Doon made motion to allow Robert to move forward on finding legal counsel for the Road issue (Buttles Road/Oak Lodge Rd), seconded by Jim. So voted.

Load Limits/Bethel Mtn Road: Discussion ensued about how to keep tractor trailer trucks from driving over Bethel Mtn Road. Both Doon and Robert get phone calls from residents complaining of the volume of large truck traffic. Possibly more signage would help if it was larger print and put in a more visual area. Ticketing trucks should be looked into. Discussion continued. No decisions were made.

The board agreed to have a special Selectboard meeting directly following the Special Town Meeting on October 5, 2015. They will have executive session to do the three month review for Joan Allen, Administrative Assistant.

There needs to be an informational meeting set up for the Water users before the new meters are in place. October 14th at 6:30 pm was the date that Terry and Joanne had set.

Terry asked that the board authorize Doon to sign paperwork for purchasing the new fire truck if the vote is affirmative at the October 5th meeting. Robert made motion to authorize Doon to sign the papers for the acquisition of the fire truck, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Robert noted that the other board members should authorize him as Road Commissioner to sign forms/documents for ongoing road projects that have already been approve. Doon made motion to authorize Robert to sign documents for existing projects, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Dan noted that he was approached by some Hawk residents while working up there about speeding and they would like more signs. Short discussion ensued.

Bills reviewed, warrants signed

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell

