

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

Oct 12, 2015

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

Guests: Rob Gardner, Martha Slater, Terry Severy, Dan Gendron, Ray & Cheryl Harvey, Joan Allen

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Robert asked to have snow removal to the agenda.

Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the September 28 2015 regular meeting, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Doon noted that the board had not taken action in executive session regarding the increase in pay for the Administrative Assistant. Joanne will strike the sentence from the minutes. Robert made motion to approve as amended, seconded by Jim, so voted.

Guests: Ray Harvey spoke on behalf of Harvey's Plumbing & Excavating. He noted that their material in the pit passes state specifications. They are offering material to the Town at a reduced rate, and since Dan and Dana have taken the proper course, they would be able to load the trucks themselves. They sell by the cubic yard, not by the ton. The price would be approximately \$13.13 delivered or \$10.17 picked up. Short discussion ensued. The board thanked them for the information and will get back to Ray and Cheryl when they review the numbers.

New Business: Robert Gardner, the town Disaster Coordinator spoke to the board about his recommendations for the Emergency Management and Disaster plans. He has received several large manuals from the State with guidelines to follow for disasters and also attended several meetings. He has attended Shelter Committee meetings, watched the videos from Irene, and discussed in length with Kevin Geiger. Unfortunately, after Irene, no one ever sat down and documented how things were handled. The basic information put forth by the State is very good, and Rob recommends taking that info and what the town has done and form a small committee to build a matrix around disaster possibilities. He suggests possibly 3-4 meetings per year with a clear agenda and realistic goals to accomplish. The School should also be involved. Rob reiterated a situation that he witnessed where a power line was knocked down, and he called 911, but no police came. The fire department and the cable company showed up to deal with the situation that took place on Rt 100. Short discussion ensued. Rob will organize the

committee and Martha will mention in the paper that volunteers are welcome. Cheryl Harvey offered her assistance with this endeavor.

Snow Removal in Town: Robert noted that in past years, the State used to assist the town crew in removing snow from the Village. There are no easy places to put the snow, and during the storms, the road crew is unable to stop plowing to remove snow. The snow that is piled on the east side of Rt 100 near the Skip Mart is a visual hazard as well. Does the town want to spend money to have snow trucked out of the Village? Also another possible situation is that the State will not allow us to dump snow at OSHA's Bend due to possible water quality contamination. Joan Allen noted that Greg Russ from White River Partnership looked at that area and did not think that contamination would be an issue, especially if snow was left closer to the Sky Hollow Rd area where natural filtration would happen. Dan noted that snow has to be removed but that the owners should pay to have it done. Doon noted that at his business, he does pay. It was also noted that the Town pays to have sidewalks plowed, and as the year goes along, there is no place to put any snow. Lengthy discussion ensued, with no resolution. Possibly VTRANS or VLCT has some information as to what other towns do in a situation like this.

Question was asked why the School is putting winter plowing out to bid. Doon will check with the School Board to see what is happening with that.

Utility Customer Informational Meeting: There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Town Office. . Short discussion ensued. Terry noted that the meters have not all arrived yet and he won't install any until all are here. He noted that he has created a "fact sheet" on how to watch for leaks and keep usage as low as possible. Joanne will try to get some laminated at the School so they can be handed out to users. It was decided to read the final quarter of the year on the old system again since he will be hunting and anyone who may be available to help will also be hunting, and holidays are coming along. This should give the users some time to check their plumbing before the new meters are in. Short discussion continued. Jim asked what the holdup on the rest of the meters is, and apparently the company moved their factory and couldn't ship the balance.

Street Light at the RT 73/RT 100 bridge - Doon noted that the ones that the Town was paying for have been turned off, and there is a new pole so GMP may be moving toward getting that light set up. He will double check on that.

Joan updated the board on the Park & Ride grant. She and Doon met with VTRANS and the State to review the "Little Park" area. They felt it was a reasonable site for a park and ride. The grants happen in two phases-Phase 1 is a gravel base with signage. Some engineering would be necessary. Phase 2 includes a buffer along the brook, lighting, and Stagecoach Bus stop. A curb cut permit from VTRANS would be necessary. Also, Terry noted that the waterline will need to be protected. Possibly a recharging station could be included in Phase 2 as well. Joan will apply for the grant.

Robert asked Dan about the pile of “rap” at the ballfield parking lot. It should be moved. Short discussion ensued. It was noted that the road crew will have to coordinate with the constables for shoulder work on Bethel Mtn Rd. Possibly some equipment will need to be rented and possibly traffic control will need to be hired.

Doon noted that the board had never officially approved an increase in pay for Joan Allen during her three month review as Selectboard Assistant. Doon made motion to increase the pay to the \$20 advertised rate, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Rob Gardner asked if the town could fund some hygiene kits for the Shelter Committee. Martha thought it could be about \$300. Short decision ensued. The Shelter Committee will send a note requesting funds.

Bills were reviewed and edits signed (Joanne realized she had not run checks after bills reviewed on Friday)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell