

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

December 28, 2015

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

Guests: Nancy Woolley, Mark Belisle, Dan Gendron

Meeting called to order at 6:16 pm.

Additions to the Agenda: Culvert Inventory report, Joan's updates

Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2015 meeting, so voted.

Robert made motion to accept the minutes from the on-site West Hill meeting, so voted.

Guests: Mark reiterated to the board that he is now working 15 hours per week and Tommy is working 10. They have switched since Tommy is working for Windsor Cty Sheriff Office throughout the week. This will continue for a while, and he would like the board to officially approve this change. Doon made motion to approve this change, seconded by Robert. So voted. Mark also noted that he is not sure of the costs of the replacement of the video system through Highway Safety funds. Robert asked if we are able to write tickets based on unladen weight for truck traffic. Short discussion and Mark will try to get more clarification. Robert sent a letter to Chris Bump for additional signage for Rt 100 and Rt 12 in order to lessen truck traffic on Bethel Mtn Rd. Short discussion ensued regarding cameras to record truck traffic. Mark noted that the radar sign by Kennedy Drive needs to be moved closer to the Cemetery. Mark and Dan will do that this week.

Dan noted that the new weight sign for West Hill arrived, Robert will register with the state. The road is holding up, despite the recent rain. Nancy asked about the trees that were cut and left in the Town ROW on Bethel Mtn Rd. They could create a hazard for plowing. Short discussion ensued.

New Business: The board reviewed notification that there will be some paving work done on Rt 73 this summer. Short discussion ensued. Joan showed the board a map from TRORC that shows state priority paving projects. Short discussion ensued.

Old Business: The bridge & weight restrictions form needs to be completed by February 10, 2016. IN the past, we have sent it back with notice that we follow state standards. Robert will forward info on new weight restrictions for West Hill Rd Bridge so we can complete the form.

Terry has almost all the water meters replaced. He has made good time in getting them done. There are a few left to replace but he is having trouble getting access into those homes.

Streetlight survey-we need volunteers to check on the streetlights. Joan mentioned ath possibly we could ask for volunteers at Town Meeting. The information she received is very lengthy and not easily read.

Additions to the Agenda: Joan noted that TRORC is sending district project prioritization and the VTRANS paving priorities. They would like comments by Feb 1, 2016. She showed them the map that ranks the district priorities are. Rt 100 South appears to be a priority. Doon felt the board could respond to the priorities as they are shown. Nothing will happen in the center of Town until the State moves forward with the storm drain work. Doon mentioned that he spoke with someone from Addison County who is active in Lake Champlain cleanup and farm runoff. Apparently there are some towns who have said “no” to the new legislation that has come down and are expecting the State to take more action against the fertilizers used in the Lake Champlain area. Joan will send notice to TRORC about the district projects and let them know we look forward to the storm drain work being done in Town.

Joan gave the board the notice of the equalization rate that was received. Also, the culvert inventory done by TRORC was discussed. Unfortunately, we have much closer to 700 culverts, and TRORC only noted 585. The board noted disapproval with the results of the survey. They’ve recommended the exact same replacement for all culverts, but special replacement would need to be considered for those perched culverts (“fish friendly” culverts) and that was not mentioned. Discussion continued. Joan noted that she, Dan and Larry will sit down to try and prioritize projects for 2016 as well as how to fund them. Dan has all the GPS coordinates for the culverts that was given to Rita for the project. Joan will check with TRORC to see if they can look into the missing culverts might be. Question asked if we should take the road assessment contract back from TRORC and do the work ourselves. Joan will look into this as it may be mandated that TRORC do the work. Short discussion continued.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell