

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

February 8, 2016

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

Guests: Martha Slater, Nancy Woolley, Dan Gendron, Anni MacKay, Rob Gardner

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm following the public hearings.

Additions to Agenda: Joan added the following items: Park House Grant Resolution and Approved Minutes of the 1/25/16 public hearing, contract with Cricket McCusker for West Hill Slide, Hoyle/Tanner contract status and Highway budget overage funds for next year's grants. Joanne added the minutes from the 1/28/16 special Selectboard meeting and a letter from a resident who slipped on the sidewalk. Dan added new truck information.

Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2016 meeting, seconded by Doon. So voted. Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the special Selectboard meeting, seconded by Doon. So voted.

The board reviewed and Doon made motion to approve the minutes as provided by Joan from the Rochester Community Care (Park House) Public Hearing, seconded by Robert. Doon will upload into intelligigrants and the minutes will be forwarded to Juli Reiderer along with the approved resolution.

Robert Gardner submitted a draft of the Emergency Plan. He told the board that he has taken it as far as he can, and suggested that they review and approve the plan so a committee can be created. The draft will be posted on the website, and a copy will be sent to those people who would need to be part of the committee before it goes to the general public. Short discussion ensued about the plan, and how to plug in the knowledge gained by Irene into this plan.

Dan Gendron told the board that he has gathered several quotes for an F350 pickup. Ted Green quoted \$25013 for a Ford, G Stone quoted \$22141 for a ford and \$24922 for a GMC, and Alderman's quoted \$25694 for a Chevy. Dan advised going with Ted Green Ford since they are local and always available to help with repair on the town trucks if needed. The turnaround would be 8-10 weeks. Discussion ensued regarding warranties, and whether we should ask TG Ford to possibly match the price quoted by G Stone since they get all our repair work. Dan will check on the warranty offered by G Stone and let the board know. Dan also noted that the "extras"-plow, sander, lights, back rack etc. will cost about \$12000 per Lucky's. Dan told the board that he would like to start the summer 10 hour days earlier and go later in the year. He and Dana would work either a Monday or Friday so the grader will be run 50 hours per week instead of 40. This will be a policy change, so Joanne will post on the agenda for the Feb 22, 2016 regular meeting.

Joan noted that Chris Bump agreed that a non-town employee could act as project manager for the West Hill Slide. He agreed and the cost will be covered with the grant. Cricket agreed to take this position and would oversee the engineering phase on the town's behalf. The board agreed, and asked Joan to have Cricket prepare a contract.

Joan noted that she, Larry and Dan had met to discuss possible upcoming projects. Better Back Roads grants will be coming up and they have more money than ever for projects. She asked the board if there will be highway budget matching funds next year. Robert thought there would be and noted that the match is 10%. Projects mentioned were culverts on Brook St Brook, "Bills Hill" and Cushman. The slide on Bethel Mtn Road was also discussed. The board asked Joan to go ahead and re submit for the engineering grant for that section of road, as well as the other project that was turned down at the same time.

Doon noted that he wanted to include in the minutes that under review, the board did not find any deficiencies in the culvert study performed by TRORC as was reported in the Herald. The other board members agreed with this.

The Rutland Town Resolution was reviewed and discussed briefly. Rutland Town is asking other towns to sign on with them and adopt the resolution that would petition the Public Service Board to protect the powers of the local planning boards regarding projects that the PBS tends to override. Case in point would be the placement of a cell tower in town even though our local Town Plan may have strong restrictions against it. The resolution itself was cut short in printing so Joanne will get a better copy and add to the next agenda for adoption.

Liquor license for Sherman V Allen was approved.

Park Use request by 100 on 100 relay race was reviewed and approved. The race will be held on August 13th. Doon made motion to approve, seconded by Jim. So voted.

The Farm to Fork Fondo would like to use the Park as well for their non-competitive bicycle ride. They used the area at Sandy's bakery last year and would like to use the Park this summer. Robert noted that Summernight is scheduled for July 16th as well, so we will try to get Tyler in touch with the White River Players. Doon made motion to approve, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Joanne had forwarded a letter from a townsperson who slipped at the Hardware sidewalk that leads down into School Street. She requested that a record of the accident be forwarded to the insurance company, and the board asked that Joanne acknowledge receipt of the letter. Our sidewalk contractor will be advised to salt heavier in that area.

Nancy noted that someone had mentioned that possibly the microphones at town meeting could be set up on stands at the front of the room closer to the stage. Discussion ensued and the board felt it is better to have the portable microphones and runners.

Robert will handle the microphones for town meeting, and it was noted that pre town meeting is on Monday, February 22, 2016 at the start of the Selectboard meeting.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Joanne McDonnell