

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

February 22, 2016

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

Guests: Martha Slater, Nancy Woolley, Dan Gendron, Mason Wade, Barb DeHart, Tom & Sandy Pierce, Bud Venturini, Walt Pruiksma, Dan McKinley

Meeting called to order at 6:55 pm.

Additions to Agenda: Joan added the contract between the Town and TR Fellows/Kricket McCusker for her professional services on the West Hill Slide project, and the contract between the Town and Hoyle, Tanner Associates for their engineering services for the same project.

Robert made motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 meeting, seconded by Doon. So voted. Robert made motion to approve the minutes from both the New Park and Sidewalk Scoping Public Hearings held on February 8, 2016, seconded by Doon. So voted. Dan McKinley asked what the next step will be regarding the sidewalk scoping study. Doon noted that he feels the best thing would be to establish a committee to identify problem areas and take it step by step, and make it a staged approach. There are a lot of things to be considered overall. Short discussion ensued regarding lighting in town, and the possibility of LED lighting. Joan is looking into that option now. Mason noted that he would like the board to look into LED solar lighting in order to cut costs. Short discussion ensued. Jim noted that we don't own the street lights at this point, possibly the town would have to buy new ones. Short discussion continued.

New Business: The board reviewed Dan's request to change the personnel policy to allow the Highway department to start summer hours (4 10 hour days per week) earlier when weather permits so the grader can be used an extra 10 hours per week. Dan noted that usually they start in May, but if mud season ends early, and the two men arrange their time so one works a Monday and one works a Friday, they gain 10 extra hours per week for grading roads. The third man who is scheduled to work 30 hours per week would most likely work Monday, Wednesday, and Friday so there is always two men on duty. Doon noted that if we are flexible around the weather, we don't really need to change the policy itself. Robert noted that he would prefer to leave May and September as default dates in the policy. Short discussion ensued. Doon made motion to modify the policy to include flexibility in the work week, and Robert added that this modification be effective immediately. He seconded the motion. So voted.

Robert made motion to execute the contract with Hoyle, Tanner Associates as engineers for the West Hill Slide project, seconded. So voted. Contract signed. Robert made motion to execute the contract between the Town and TR Fellows for Kricket McCusker's services on behalf of the town for the same project. . Seconded, so voted.

The board received a letter from the Rochester School. The guidance counselor will be contacting the board regarding the Kirkpatrick Scholarship in the near future. Short discussion ensued regarding the amount of the scholarship and how it has been awarded.

Old Business: The Rutland Town Resolution was reviewed again. This is a request for the board to sign their resolution that would give local government more control over cell towers, etc. Nancy noted that there is something in the legislature regarding this. Short discussion ensued. Joan gave some information from someone who provides legal information for the Public Service Board. Robert noted that he believes the legislature should sort this out. Dan mentioned that as a non-binding resolution, it should be discussed at town meeting to inform people. Sandy Haas, our Representative should add this topic to her annual report for Town Meeting. Dan McKinley noted that the Public Service Board made VTEL move a proposed cell tower that was to be built on Town Line Rd based on our Zoning regulations and Town Plan. The board agreed to table this again until after Town Meeting.

Short discussion ensued regarding the interim water meter reading. Most likely it will not happen.

Doon welcomed Bud Venturini to town. He and his wife bought a house right in town.

Dan gave the board an update on truck costs. Ted Green cost is: \$25013.00, G Stone cost is \$21696.00 for the same truck. Both provide the same 7 year warranty for \$3300.00. Discussion ensued, and it was agreed that Ted Green should be approached to see if they will consider reducing their price to be closer to G Stone. Dan made the point that Ted Green will pretty much send immediate help when they break down which is irreplaceable in winter storms. Robert will call TGF and let them know that we would love to continue doing business with them, but would also be grateful if they could close the \$3000 gap. Robert made motion to authorize the purchase of a truck from Ted Green Ford for an amount up to \$25013 and an extended warranty of \$3300 with the stipulation that Robert will try to get the difference between the two truck costs reduced. Seconded by Doon, so voted.

Bills were reviewed, warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell