

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

March 14, 2016

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

Guests: Nancy Woolley, Dan Gendron, Mark Belisle, David Marmor, Terry Severy Rob Gardner

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

Additions to the Agenda: Doon added the incident report for the insurance (truck accident), West Hill Slide, Cleanup of trees on the Athletic Field (USFS), Reorganization,

Reorganization: One vacant listers seat, board will look for interested people. Marvin Harvey has volunteered to act as Stagecoach Representative, Community Advisory Board, Recycling Coordinator and Bethel Royalton Solid Waste advisory committee. Larry Straus will continue as WRVA representative, Norm Smith-Tree Warden, Angus McCusker E911, Sarah Chase-Green up Coordinator, Budget & Finance Committee-Robert would like to discuss; He would like to make sure that the budgeting process does not appear to be exclusive to any taxpayer that has the interest and energy to be involved. He feels that the budgeting process may be more accessible if the meetings are posted as special Selectboard/budget committee meetings. As usual, these meetings would be open to all community members. It should be restructured to be more inclusive. Short discussion ensued. Possibly the wording of the notices could be changed. Nancy Woolley as a budget committee member noted that the meetings have always been open to the community and until last week, no one has ever attended. Jim noted that it could take a lot more time to complete the budget this way. Doon noted that he has no interest in disbanding or discouraging the Budget and Finance committee, and we can change the wording of the notices. Discussion continued. Robert agreed to appoint previous Budget and Finance committee members again-Nancy Woolley, Barb DeHart, Lois Bond and Walt Pruiksma. Doon noted great appreciation to the committee for all the help they give to the budget process. Norm Christiansen, Robert Meagher-Kirkpatrick Scholarship, Larry Plesent-Rt 100 Byway, John White-ECFiber rep. Robert made motion to appoint as noted, seconded by Doon, so voted. The Herald will continue as designated newspaper. Recreation Committee: Norm Christiansen, Barb Shenton, Dean Mendell, Joe Schenkman, Martha Slater, Terry Paquette, Carrie McDonnell, and Josh Hanford: Doon made motion to appoint all, Robert 2nd so voted. Park Committee: Doon made motion to appoint Martha Slater and Joanne McDonnell, seconded by Robert, so voted. Larry Plesent has declined to be energy coordinator. Doon made motion to appoint Rob Gardner as Emergency Management Coordinator, Doon Hinderyckx, as Emergency Management Director and Robert Meagher as Emergency Management Coordinator, seconded by Robert. So voted. Health Officer-John White, but this appointment takes place in October. Doon made motion to appoint Paula Dougherty as Service Officer, seconded. So voted. TRORC Rep-Larry will be appointed, he can let the board know if he declines. Doon will continue as on site wastewater officer, Terry Severy as Sewer/Water Plant Operator and Dan Gendron as Assistant to both. Doon made motion to approve, seconded by Robert, so voted.

Road Commissioner: Letter was received from a resident who would like to volunteer time and energy to the position. Doon nominated Robert to continue as Road Commissioner, and also noted that there are a lot of people out there who have a lot of road knowledge and suggested that we hold a "road forum" and invite interested and experienced parties to join and explore ways to improve our road systems. Robert is willing to relinquish or take the position and wondered if the appointment should be done tonight or held off to see if others are interested. Jim seconded the appointment, so voted. The board agreed that it would be a good move to take advantage of experienced ideas.

Doon will continue as Zoning Administrator, and Planning and Zoning Committee will stay the same as no one has a term expiring this year. Mark Belisle will continue as LEPC #12. Mark noted that he only has one vote, and he votes on behalf of Granville. The board asked him to continue regardless. Mark was appointed as second constable for the dates of 3/15/16 through 3/15/17. They will invite Randy in to discuss the position. Doon made motion to appoint Mark Belisle as Animal Control, seconded by Robert. So voted. Selectboard Secretary/Clerk – Discussion ensued, and the board will advertise. The budget is \$1500. Robert nominated Doon as Selectboard Chair, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Robert made motion to approve the minutes for the Pre Town meeting and regular Selectboard meeting on February 22, 2016, seconded by Doon. So voted.

Agenda Additions: Doon will talk to Chris Mattrick about cleaning up tree debris at the Athletic Field. They were supposed to remove debris when the job was completed.

Jim noted that we need to find a resolution with the Carter family at the base of West Hill. Boring contractors and concrete are waiting on us at this point. Robert noted that VTRANS needs to send approval to us about approving funding. Robert will follow up with them on that. Joan asked if the board would like her to draft a letter to Carters as a counter offer. Jim noted that we should wait until VTRANS comes back with funding information. Carters are asking for a quite few items from the town in order to cross their property to access the West Hill slide area, and VTRANS is evaluating. Jim noted that Robert should contact them soon so the work can begin.

Doon asked Terry to re-submit the truck accident form (originally lost) so we can offset budget cuts. He will do it Wednesday.

New Business: Doon made motion to sign the Cooperative Road Master Agreement and the Road project Agreement with the Forest Service, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Park Use application for a wedding in October was approved and signed.

LEOP is due for renewal. No changes need to be made, so this can be resubmitted as is for renewal. Doon made motion to adopt, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Park House VCDP Presentation Meeting: Doon will attend this meeting along with Juli Reiderer on April 14th, 2016.

FEMA training procurement: FEMA will be doing a series of trainings for this. They will total 4 hours, and they strongly recommend any town who may need FEMA funding in the future attend. Doon will attend the meetings. Joan will give him the information.

DEC Illicit discharge detection study meeting-Terry will be attending. Robert asked if Dan should attend, but Terry noted this is an informational meeting, not training yet.

RSVP to the USFS initiation to celebrate the placement of the 1000th aquatic culvert (fish friendly culverts). Rochester has had several installed over the past few years. This will happen on May 20th at 10:00 am. Short discussion ensued. One of the board members will attend.

Sidewalk scoping contract extension-Joan noted there is a request to extend the D&K contract until June 30, 2016. Discussion ensued. Several people have expressed interest in forming a committee to review the study and see if improvements can be made. Nancy noted that Rt 100 is a 4-rod road which should be considered in this project. Doon made motion to approve the extension, seconded by Robert. So voted. The board will advertise that a committee of interested citizens will be formed, or at least post it in town. . David Marmor asked about the possibility of rumble strips to slow traffic for pedestrian crossings.

TRORC draft ranking of VTRANS projects: Joan has not had a chance to read through this. She will bring this back to the next meeting. A response is needed by March 21st. Joan will email the report to them.

Notice of Posting Town Roads: The board accepted the notice of posting of roads for the spring mud season.

The annual school meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 which is the same date as the next Selectboard meeting. The board agreed to hold their next meeting at 5:00 pm on the 28th.

Doon made motion to approve the liquor license application for Parrish Services (Skip Mart), seconded by Robert. So voted.

Short discussion ensued about possibly moving the sculpture that Jeff Breslow is offering to create to the New Park. Doon thought that leaving it where it is was part of the original plan. A citizen had asked about the possibility. The USFS has approved hosting the sculpture where it is.

Old Business: After short discussion, the board agreed to sign the Rutland Town Resolution (to gain local control over large scale energy projects with the Public Service Board).

Culvert project update: Tabled.

Road Assessment update: Joan gave an update on this project. Larry will look over the RFP for this project.

Nancy reminded everyone that there is an Emergency Services meeting on Wednesday, March 16th in the auditorium.

Nothing new on roads or utilities.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell