

## Virtual Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2020

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy

Guests: Nancy Woolley, Joan Allen, Kathryn Schenkman, Bruce Flewelling, Orca Media, Julie Smith, Vic Ribaud, Lizzy Shackelford, Lolly Lindsey, Kristen LaPell, Michele from G&N Excavating and Martha Slater.

Doon called the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Doon read the State statute guidelines for holding a proper meeting electronically and confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

**Additions to the agenda:** None

Prior Meeting Minutes: May 25, 2020 Selectboard Minutes. Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Joan's Updates:** Nason Brook Bids were opened and evaluated by Cricket. There were 10 bid proposals were submitted. Pat read the results as follows: Blue Mountain Trucking \$447,500.00; Hebert Excavating Corporation \$341,996.00; Kirk Fenoff and Son Excavating \$337,731.50; Champlain Construction Co., Inc. \$306,321.40; J Hutchins Inc. \$293,275.00; Neil H Daniels, Inc. \$277,975.00; Willey Earthmoving Corp. \$262,780.00; Notts Excavating, Inc. \$251,937.00; ECS Excavating \$231,698.60 and G&N Excavating \$208,466.00. Doon noted Cricket looked over the bids and felt the bid from G&N's bid was reasonable and encouraged the board to accept that bid as appropriate. Pat asked Joan if she had any updates whether funds will be available for this project. Joan noted the last update she had from earlier last week and said they were waiting for budget season to go little further in the legislature because there was a lot of uncertainty partly due to COVID-19 and because of the State's finances and also what money they will receive from the Feds. Doon noted that we are awarding this bid with the understanding that the project is contingent on the financing coming through. Joan noted it was clearly shown right from the start with the bid package. She noted it will be reflected in the notice of award and noted that if the town couldn't get the funding this year then G&N would be prepared to do it next year. Pat noted with that said she would second Doon's motion. All were in favor. So, voted.

Joan noted the final step for getting permission for the town to connect the Town Garage to the wastewater system at site 1, a DEC permit is approved and well on its way.

Joan noted after speaking with John about the remaining FEMA sites going out to bid and if the town has the financing for the sites. She noted FEMA will extend the agreement, if needed. Joan noted that the current reimbursements due is still on hold until after July or August. She noted the FEMA reimbursements are maybe looking at early July. Doon asked about the FEMA timeline. Joan noted that they are due by the end of the year and we can apply for an extension in November if needed. Doon asked how many separate projects. She thought 7 or so. She noted 3 bigger projects because of cross drain installation and ditching that is due. Board discussed doing

some of the pertinent work and putting others on extension. They felt they should discuss with Cooter and look at the whole picture before deciding.

**Application for Town Park for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion June 10<sup>th</sup> (Rain date June11):** Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Utilities Update:** Doon noted the State lifted the mandate for the chlorination of the water ended about a week ago and should be noticeable. He noted Terry will be flushing out the hydrants this coming Sunday to further purge and residual chlorine.

**COVID-19 Update:** Vic noted that the task force began work on March 8, 90 days ago and will shift from active to stand-by status. He noted they will not be having anymore regular meetings, public communications, or newsletters unless there is a significant surge. He noted a spike happening up in Winooski. He noted they are available if a need arises. Vic noted that the Grocery delivery will continue to keep working. It has slowed down but would like to keep it going as we have visitors arriving. Vic noted the several local challenges still stemming from the pandemic. He noted high unemployment, food insecurity, weakened businesses. He noted the work of the task force is pretty much done right now but there is more work for the community. He noted the school has issues with how they will educate the kids in the fall. He noted last Tuesday night the school board did approve the Veggies-van-go Program. He noted its twice monthly, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy to be distributed both in the Stockbridge and Rochester campuses and will likely start in July. Kathryn noted on June 19<sup>th</sup> HOPE pop up food distribution is going to start in Granville, serving Hancock and Granville at the Grange. For this program, people will have to register prior to the pick-up. Kathryn noted the good work that Lolly and Vic have been doing for the Alliance. Information will be posted soon.

**Adopting Resolution supporting VLCT for Federal Aid to Cities and Towns:** Pat read the resolution. Doon moved to adopt the resolution. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

Pat thanked everyone on the Task Force and those on the sub-committees for all their hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Smith