

## Virtual Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2020

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy

Guests: Nancy Woolley, Orca, Martha Slater, Sue Ribauda, Joan Allen, Bruce Flewelling, Kathryn Schenkman, Rob Gardner, Burma Cassidy, Jeff Gephart and Julie Smith

Doon called the meeting at 6:05 pm.

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

Additions to the agenda: Kathryn -Update on the School building from Envision Rochester

Doon Moved to approve the 06-08-2020 Selectboard meeting minutes. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Joan Updates:** No town updates and will speak to Town Garage hookup to town system and NRCS program for Dean Mandell's property when they are addressed.

**Highway:** Doon noted when the excavating is done for the sewer hook-up, the contractor will also remove the remainder of the footers for the old sand screen, which will be replaced this summer.

**Utilities:** Doon noted we are ready to drink clean water from the tap.

**New Business:** Park use application was submitted by Pierce Hall for a BBQ take out on the fourth of July. Doon noted it is a way to hold on to the celebratory aspect of the traditional Chicken BBQ on the park during the fourth. Frank suggested to move the picnic tables back from the front of the park to discourage people to hang out. Bruce noted they would take care of moving them away for the event and then moving them back after the holiday weekend. Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

Doon noted on the same day, is a park use application from White River Valley Players to display "manekins" in conjunction with the whole concept of a reverse parade up and down the valley. Sue noted they would be on display for the whole weekend, so they do not create traffic jams. Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Approval for Town's permission to hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** Doon noted this would take place on August 15 in the Town Office parking lot. He noted they will comply with the Covid-19 safety guidelines. Doon noted it is a great service. Martha asked about what items can be disposed at this event. Julie noted she would call for a list to give to Martha to print the week before the event. Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Request to Re-new the Mascoma Loan Note:** Julie noted the outstanding anticipation loan from Mascoma Bank covering the April 2019 storm would need to be renewed by July 8<sup>th</sup>. She noted there are still outstanding amounts due to the Town from FEMA grants and Federal grants. Julie noted by signing the loan, it gives us another year to finish all the unfinished FEMA projects. Frank spoke with John, who has created a priority list of projects he wants to see the

town complete. They will be discussing with Joan how they can complete these in a timely manner. Doon moved to approve the Mascoma Loan. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Hooking up the Town Garage to the Town Sewer System:** Frank noted Terry gave him a list of the sum of work to do this project. He noted about 1 ½-2 days with a small and large excavator and drill to drill through the frost wall. Frank noted the reason for the two sized machines is because around back it will need a small machine to work in that space cautiously. Frank noted the Town will haul the materials needed. Frank noted this work will begin on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Joan noted we did receive the permit from DEC. She noted Frank asked if the state would be charging a connection fee. She noted because it was a municipal building, they would not be. She noted typically it is \$1200 hook up fee and that saves the Town from that expense.

**Breakneck Brook meeting with NRCS:** Frank noted that meeting will take place Friday at 10 am at Dean Mandell's. Frank noted this is an expense to Dean. The town is just the pass through. The only cost to the Town is Joan's time helping Dean. Pat noted that she would like to attend this meeting as well. Julie will warn this meeting.

**Additions: School Meeting summary from Envision Rochester group-** Kathryn spoke about how Robert Meagher and herself met with the selectboard back in February to get the blessing of the selectboard for the Envision Rochester building committee to explore options for the town acquiring one of the two buildings on the campus. Kathryn noted after their blessing they approached the school board in March with the same presentation and received their blessing as well. She noted then the pandemic hit, and all the momentum and work got put on the back burner. Kathryn noted a week ago the building committee reconvened, and a letter was drafted and circulated to all participants in the February workshop from Envision Rochester to brainstorm and get a proposal together for public review by August. She noted a letter was circulated for public feedback by July 15<sup>th</sup> for a brainstorm process to have a preliminary proposal in writing by August 15. She noted a lot of enthusiasm and lot of questions. She noted it is quite a process. Rob noted there are a lot of moving parts and its in motion.

Frank noted that the polling place will be set up this week for the school budget vote. He noted that there will be markings for social distancing and signage to where voting will take place. Frank noted by setting up for this vote it will prepare us for the Primary in August and the Election in November.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith