

## Virtual Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2020

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy

Guests: Nancy Woolley, Joan Allen, Troy & Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Orca Media, Martha Slater, Robert Franks, Jeff Gephart, Bruce Flewelling, Kinley Tener

Doon called the meeting at 6:00 pm.

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

**Additions to the agenda:** Robert Franks-Board of Civil Authority minutes regarding the election of 2018.

Doon moved to approve the September 14 selectboard meeting minutes. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved. Doon moved to approve the special selectboard meeting minutes on September 21. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Robert Franks noted he had requested minutes from the Board of Civil Authority for the last 2 years. He noted he want to see the minutes from election day 2018 from the Board of Civil Authority. Doon noted that the Board of Civil Authority counted the votes on that evening and immediately communicated the votes to the State of Vermont. Doon noted that the meeting of the Board of Civil Authority was to report of the results from that election. He noted that is the action of the Board of Civil Authority. Robert then asked where the minutes were of Joanne McDonald's commitment to go before the Board of Civil Authority. Doon noted that meeting did not happen. After a long-ensued discussion, Doon noted new policies were put in place. Doon noted on the agenda there is an amendment to the current policy to include the new polling place at the high school.

**Approval for Kristen LaPell to be added to Town Accounts:** Doon moved to approve adding Kristen LaPell to the town accounts so she can conduct town business as the Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

**Amendment to the Policy for Polling Place, Parking Lot, and Campaign Sign Rules to accommodate voting at the High School:** Julie read the amended policy. Doon noted to modify the policy by including wording about wearing masks in the first paragraph. Robert noted the high school parking lot is a tough place for a candidate to arrive on election day. He suggested to the board to designate an area where candidates can be properly and legally within the laws of the state and the Town of Rochester before they arrive. Frank noted an area will be established outside along the entry way to the high school approximately 12' from the paved part of the entrance. He noted there will be a flagged off area with a sign for the campaigners. Robert asked Frank when preparations for election would happen. Frank noted the day before election, preparations to designate area would be flagged off with tape and cones. Doon moved to approve the amendment with the addition about the mask. Bruce noted that masks cannot be 100%

mandatory because some individuals may not be able to wear a mask. He noted there has to be room for exceptions. Frank noted Julie will help those who are unable, to vote outside as she assisted in the Primary. Doon moved to approve the amendment with wording to modify text to wear masks. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Removal of sediment at Route 100 N bridge:** Frank noted he will be meeting Mike LaPointe down at the Mendell property to finalize and see if he could come by and take a pic to send along to Jaron Borg. Frank noted the final inspection for the Dean Mendell project is tomorrow. Joan noted there was one last thing to put in a request for a reimbursement to the town.

**Joan Updates:** She noted she is still working on the reimbursements from the FEMA and State. She noted she is working on gathering information for the single audit.

Frank noted he toured the town office with Jeff Gephart and the chimney is about to fall off the roof. He will be in touch with a contractor to get an estimate for the work to be done. He noted that he had the furnace cleaned in the town building. He noted he will be disconnecting the heat to the old garage to save fuel costs. He noted that he and Nancy worked in the basement sorting things out. He noted inviting the Sheriff for any interest to any left-over constable items.

Doon moved to adjourn to executive session for employee at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith