

Virtual Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2020

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy

Guests: Guests: Martha Slater, Rob Gardner, Nancy Woolley, Joan Allen , Dan McKinley, Jeff Gephart, Troy & Kristen LaPell, Orca, Bruce Flewelling, Tim Pratt

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: Questions about Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Energy Committee-Jeff Gephart, Plot lines- Dan McKinley

Prior Meeting Minutes: Doon moved to approve the minutes adding that the executive session ended at 7:10 with no action taken. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

Joan Updates: Joan noted that she had 2 items. She noted the Town Garage Storm Water Project is hoping to go out to bid by mid-January. She noted a question came up with an onsite visit with John. She noted the grant itself will only pay for a portion of the paving and the question is can the town commit to having the rest of it done. She asked John his thoughts on the paving and he explained there would be 2 inches of asphalt and for the area to cover estimated the cost of \$10k for the Town portion of the additional paving. She noted this was not a decision that needed to be made tonight but to think about. She noted the other item is just an FYI. She noted last week she shared a VTrans notice that we will not be receiving the Structures Grant-Class 2 Road-way Grant this coming fiscal year. She noted there will be an off set by increasing the amount of money through the supplemental Highway Fund. Joan asked Julie if we have received those funds. Julie would investigate and report back

Jeff Gephart- Jeff noted he had sent out an email to the board members and the Town that he spoke with Jeff Martin from Two Rivers Ottaquechee on Friday. He noted everyone signed the regional energy document. He noted three towns will be included in the committee. That is Rochester, Hancock and Pittsfield. Jeff noted the document requires that each town has a primary participant and an alternate participant. He asked who would fill the primary participant for that committee. Doon noted it would be great if Jeff would fill the primary participant and one of the selectboard members to fill the alternate participant. He wanted to fill in that role and noted the first meeting would be November 18. Frank noted he would fill that position. Jeff noted he saw a notice from VT Council on Rural Development, and they have a climate catalyst program in its second year. He noted what they do with this is a juried acceptance and he applied for it. He noted it will take place over a whole year and what they do is they try to help with mitigating climate change projects to help folks become better leaders and present climate change plans. He noted he will work up a full plan with board's consideration with costs and options, savings to utilize this process and come up with numbers to present to the board.

Dan McKinley-Plot Lines: Dan noted a second inquiry about a plot lines mistake on the tax map. He noted that there needs to be a process for this dispute and where they go. He noted a

formal process will need to be written up so its defined without confusion. Doon noted to bring any errors to the revision of the tax maps the following year so that at that point any mistakes can be clarified and corrected. Frank asked if Two Rivers had any policies on that. Frank noted we cannot be the only town that goes through this with tax maps. Pat noted when there are issues you really need to pull your deed. She noted everyone is responsible for their deed and keep an eye on the numbers and make sure they stay with what the deed says. She noted the Listers should be part of the process but once they set the Grand list, they cannot make changes till the following April. She noted once the Grand List is set the taxes rate is set. She noted it really should be with the listers and not the Zoning Committee unless two landowners want to move their property lines. She noted if the tax map is incorrect it should go through the listers and the correction would be made the following year in April. Rob felt in his case it didn't follow those processes.

School Absentee Ballots: Julie announced the absentee ballots can be requested at the Town Office and she will mail any requests, or voters can come in and pick one up.

Robert Franks noted he was unable to log into the meeting. Robert also noted a suggestion to the board they follow up with a meeting through the Board of Civil Authority to approve the Policy Change to the Polling Place, Parking Lot and Campaign Sign Rules.

Doon noted they will be going into executive session for employee issues.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Smith