

Virtual Selectboard Meeting Minutes

November 09, 2020

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy

Guests: Guests: Martha Slater, Rob Gardner, Nancy Woolley, Joan Allen, Troy & Kristen LaPell, Orca, Bruce Flewelling, Tony Goupee, Vic Ribaud, Kathryn Schenkman, Jeff Gephart., Julie Smith

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: Doon- re-paving Rt. 100 between Stockbridge and Rochester

Prior Meeting Minutes: Doon moved to approve the 10-26-2020 Selectboard minutes with one addition that the selectboard exited executive session at 7:00 pm with no action taken.

Doon noted that he received notice about the future paving plan. Doon noted the prospect for the paving would take place between Stockbridge and Rochester. Doon noted they reached out asking about information about infrastructure, as in where the storm drains and water/sewer lines are under Route 100. Doon noted the storm drains are also important. He thought another inlet next to Skip Mart would be important. Joan thought to upsize would be important. Doon noted that leads into the sidewalks and curb issues and addressing at that time.

Joan Updates: Joan recently learned we can draw down on the FEMA work and unfinished roads with 80% finished now. Joan noted we can request 75% of that work through the end of December and looks like it is around \$ 135, 000. She noted it will be working on the paperwork to get that processed for reimbursement. She noted she is currently finishing the single audit with the auditors for the FEMA.

She noted she would like to know if the paving for the highway with the towns portion at \$10,000. Would need to be discussed and decided on.

Joan noted the Better Roads would not be able to fund the grant projects over \$25,000. She noted she will submit the application again in December for replacement of the culvert project.

Library Update: Tony noted there will be a trustee's meeting Tuesday at 5:45 pm. Tony noted the Library is still open by appointment. Tony noted there are some serious building repair issues with the roof on the south side toward the back. He noted they will need a lift. Tony noted the building will need painting for the budget. He noted all windowsills downstairs need repair as well. Frank noted the Town Office will need some repairs this year as well with the chimney and painting.

Frank noted this week or next the park will have Lawes come in to make improvements for the grass area using lime and fertilizer.

New Business: High School Building- Pat noted with the school board having a board meeting tonight she would like to attend. She would like to present them with a statement with a commitment towards the High School building and that the interest is tied with the continuation

of the merger. She noted if there is an unmerged process, she wants to make sure we are all going in the same direction. She noted she would like a statement from the school with their direction.

Kathryn asked if Stockbridge were to go forward with the un-doing of the merger how would that affect us in terms of acquiring a building, would we acquire two buildings. Pat noted with the dissolve we would acquire back the whole campus. She noted that this would have to be voted on and approved by the state. Long discussion ensued.

Preparation for Town Meeting: Doon noted Town meeting will need some planning. Nancy noted the state guidelines are forth coming. Doon noted the town may need to have a meeting ahead of time for Australian Ballot. Frank noted the board should be able to make the decision for Australian ballot through Act 162. Discussion ensued. Nancy noted that VLCT will have guidelines and provide a tool kit. Nancy noted a lot of information will come out in the next couple of weeks. Doon noted we will have future discussion about Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith