

## Virtual Selectboard Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2020

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy

Guests: Guests: Martha Slater, Orca Media, Norm Christiansen, Bruce Flewelling, Jeff Gephart, Joan Allen, Kristen & Troy LaPell, Tim Pratt, Nancy Woolley, Dean Mendell, Joanne Mills

Doon called the at 6:00 pm

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

**Additions:** Bruce- request; Dean Mendell and Norm Christiansen-skatespace; Jeff Gephart-Meeting information

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Doon moved to approve the 11-23-2020 Selectboard minutes with one typo correction. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

Bruce asked if he could get sand from the sand pile to put at the entrance of Peirce Hall walkway. Doon noted he did not see a problem with that request.

Dean noted he met with Tony & Terry about the flooding the skate rink and how it is not holding water because of the cracks. Dean noted they are looking to purchase a liner to install as an inexpensive fix. He noted the liner could last 3-4 years with proper care. Norm noted they have money in the budget to purchase the liner and pay for the plowing of Skatespace. Dean would like to discuss the process of maintaining the ice with whomever does the job. Workers Comp. Insurance is required from an outside contractor.

Jeff noted Jeannette Bair contacted him about replacing some of the light fixtures in the Library. He noted he will make an appointment to take a look and draw up a map to see if the lighting proposed will actually do the job.

Jeff noted he attended the Tri-Town Municipal Energy Committee with Frank Severy. He noted they don't have the budget next year for the towns plans. Jeff noted they will meet monthly rather than quarterly. He noted Scott Gillette is the Hancock representative and Matt Corine is the rep down in Pittsfield. He noted with retirement in two weeks, he will have more time to devote to Energy issues with the buildings and the town.

**Joan Updates:** Joan noted a letter was received from Timber Homes for the structure in the new park, would need to be inspected. The company had a failure in the field at another location with their posts and would like the town to do an inspection with our posts and report back with any concerns.

Joan noted she will be setting up a zoom meeting for reviewing the preliminary plans with the cost estimate for the West Hill bridge design. She noted they are a bit behind on schedule. She noted this does not appear to be an issue at this time with the Forest Service as well. She noted they had finally submitted their plans and cost estimates and looks like the meeting will be scheduled before Christmas. Joan noted she is depending on Brian's knowledge for the

submission. She noted his concerns were not with the engineering part but more with the cost estimate. She noted the cost is \$200,000.00 more than the initial estimate. She noted Brian has ideas to reduce costs. She noted that Brian will need to follow up on the awarding of the grant since it has not been finalized yet. She noted he also found a way to cut the cost by postponing the project a year. She noted the savings may have to do with the temporary bridge and access to their bridge rather than renting a bridge.

Joan noted the Federal Highway administration has chosen the Bethel Mountain road project for an audit. She noted we were warned due to the magnitude of the project and cost we could expect an audit. She noted it is underway and they call it a Compliance Assessment Program review. She noted they do not need anything currently from the town. She noted they are collecting documents from DuBois and King.

Lastly, Joan noted how we are not moving forward with the Mount Cushman Project and the landowner. She noted with a lot of meetings and discussion the landowner has shut it down. Frank felt we should let it go for a bit and see if we could get the funding back at a later time.

**Sidewalk Contract:** Doon noted he had not talked with Mike from Music Mountain Maintenance about the contract, but he had spoken with John Gorton from 4 Seasons Property Management, who had a conversation with Mike about letting the sidewalk contract go. Doon noted a couple issues with the situation is the machine that John has is wider than specified. He noted he has a 72" wide machine. Doon noted that John was willing to purchase a snowblower for some of the tight areas. He noted John was willing to deal with any damage done. Doon noted this is not a done deal but wanted to discuss the decision to use a wider machine. Jeff noted that he will be attending a webinar on Wednesday about electrical mowing and can ask about anything that could handle snow blowing.

Frank updated the board with information. He noted he called Magic Brush and will meet with the owner about the few projects for painting in town. He noted he spoke with Mike Eramo about the Town office chimney. He noted that the Mike will be able to get to it after a few small jobs he is finishing. He noted that his estimate will be good until spring.

Doon asked for an update for the process to the Town Meeting. Nancy noted that she and Frank will attend a webinar on Thursday with Secretary of State to hear about Australian Ballots. Frank noted they have questions about how to approach the Town meeting.

Doon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith