

Virtual Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy

Guests: Guests: Martha Slater, Orca Media, Julie Smith

Doon called the at 9:00 am

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

Additions: Julie – Signatures for Town Meeting Warning required

Address change in Sidewalk Maintenance Contract: Doon noted Music Mountain Property Management has agreed to give up their contract for the sidewalk maintenance and John Gorton with 4 Seasons Property Management and Excavating has agreed to take on the remainder of the contract through 2022. Doon noted to the board he has proper workers comp insurance and will do the contract for the same price. Doon noted John requests payment ahead to invest in a snow blower for his tractor and a smaller walk behind snow blower for the smaller areas. The agreement was for \$2250/ month and asked for \$5500 up front to buy the equipment. Frank asked if the town provides the sand and salt for the contract and Doon confirmed it would. Doon noted in addition he asked if he could store his tractor in the town's old fire station to keep it close by. Frank noted he should wash off his equipment, so the building doesn't get a salt build up. Doon moved to approve John Gorton with 4 Seasons Property Management take on mid-season the contract for Sidewalk Maintenance including fire hydrants. Pat seconded. All in favor, So, voted.

Approval letter of support to Big Town Project for application from Better Places Grant:

Doon noted Joan wrote up a letter of approval on their behalf in support of a Grant application on behalf of Big Town Projects for the Better Places Program which is a program in an attempt to support local businesses in vibrancy during COVID-19 time to enhance opportunities for people to be outdoors and access businesses. Doon noted since he is personally involved in this project, he will step aside from signing. He noted its for the improvement for the street scape and helping to define the sidewalks between the gallery building and heading down Route 100 towards the new park. Doon noted with a couple clerical errors, he corrected the words. Doon noted this is not any financial commitment from the Town, only merely a letter of support. Doon read the letter to the board. Pat asked what will be see physically after the project is completed. Doon noted physically what you will see is if you start from the Bike Shop and head north towards the old Simpson building its all pavement and all traffic access in and out of Route 100. Doon noted basically it will define two driveways in and out of those properties and instead of 100 yards of driveway access, removal of some of the asphalt will be replaced with green space for pedestrian and places for people to hang out. Martha asked when this project would be completed, and Doon noted this spring/summer because the grant would need to be done in three months. Frank asked if it were subject to zoning. Doon noted because there is no modification with the building

structures, zoning would not be involved. Doon noted he did reach out to VTrans, and their concern with access in and out of Route 100 and Chris noted that would not be a concern to the state since they are not asking to add and instead are reducing access. Frank noted that a final plat of the finished work be submitted to the Town with Zoning. Doon agreed. Pat moved to approve the letter of approval for the Big Town Project to apply for the grant, with corrections. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith