

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

Guests Present: Kristen LaPell, Orca Media, Larry Creech, Henry Garzia, Jeff Gephart,

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca Media, Joan Allen, Nancy Woolley, Greg Russ, Martha Slater

Doon called the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Additions to the agenda: Larry-comment

Prior Meeting Minutes: Doon moved to approve the July 26, 2021 SB Meeting minutes. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Larry Creech spoke to the board about the importance of the bridge replacement to the residents of West Hill Rd. He shared the positive impact for the growth. The board spoke of ideas they would research waiting for funding to come through. Larry asked if the funding takes time would they consider renting a bailey bridge for residents. Frank noted they would take it under advisement.

Guest: Greg Russ from White River Partnership spoke to the board about a grant they had for culvert designs. He mentioned they did culvert assessments in the upper White River and replaced culverts in the past on Wing Farm Rd and Marine Hill. They have 2 culverts they assessed, and one is in Hancock and the other is on River Brook Dr. Greg said they hired Cricket to do a design. She will have a design for River Brook Dr sometime in September. Greg asked the board if they could fully fund a replacement for that culvert on River Brook Dr. would they support replacing that structure. The board agreed they would support this replacement. Greg said he would share the design once he receives it. Greg said this would happen maybe as early as next year.

Highway updates: Doon noted Bethel Mountain Road is still closed but they are making progress.

Energy Coordinator Updates: Jeff said he and Frank both worked with Energy and efficiency investments and completed the walk through with the high school last week. He provided Black River report about the high school to Energy Efficiency Investments. He was unable to find the prints of the high school but talk to the principal about that.

He said he sat down to find missing information in the data for the CV Oil expenses for the town buildings. There seems to be missing billing for the building. He wants to put together a real feel of the total costs of the buildings. Jeff reached out to Green Mountain Power to talk with them about the resiliency island area and mega watts necessary. He announced the Climate Economy Model Communities program with the Vermont Council on Rural Development will have their first steering meeting scheduled for August 11th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the town office with about 20 participants attending. He noted this is a onetime steering committee that will be

looking at and setting up a community meeting to look at our issues and prioritize, he also noted this is a restart of Envision Rochester.

New Business: Sign a resolution to designate TRORC as administrator for Rochester High School building study. Doon moved to appoint them. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Announce statewide memorial to honor Vermonters lost during COVID-19: Doon announce the memorial will take place Sunday, September 19th at 3 pm. at the State House lawn in Montpelier He shared there will be a ceremonial reading of all of those who have died. For additional information you can contact Vermont Interfaith action at 802-651-8889.

Approve new map maintenance renewal process for April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022. Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith