

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2022

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

Guests Present: Kristen LaPell, Terry Severy, Nancy Woolley, Susie Smolen, Orca, Norm Christiansen

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca, Martha Slater, Joan Allen, Jeff Gephart

Doon called the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity

Prior Meeting Minutes: Doon moved to approve with some clerical errors corrected. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Vermont Emergency Management Community Program: Lt. Hugh O'Donnell was not able to attend to speak

Solar EPC working with Tom Allen of LCS Controls to design and install 50KW ground Mount: Aaron Lavallee was not able to attend to speak. Doon said they are looking for a certificate of preferred site. They met prior with planning and zoning. Doon moved to approve, and Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved. A draft letter will need to be written.

Approve annual Review and Report of wastewater system 2022 professional services agreement: This was approved by Terry Severy prior to the meeting.

Norm Christiansen spoke to the board about adding pickle ball to the tennis courts. He said to have the lines professionally painted would cost \$600-\$700. He was willing to paint them himself with no costs to the town. He will ask to be put on the next meeting agenda for the board approval officially. He would also like to introduce another recreational activity called disk golf. He felt the field by the tennis courts might be a good location for disk golf. He would like to attend the next meeting and bring photos of the baskets used for disc golf. Lastly, he wanted to update the board with the BEE the CHANGE group from Montpelier, doing a project that was introduced last year contacting all the towns looking for private to public lands in 2-acre amounts, to plow and till to plant seeds for pollinators free of charge. Signs would need to be placed in the designated area. Discussion ensued for a location for them to use. No decision was made but perhaps Norm will continue his own to find a designated location. To find more location on the project you can go to beethechange.earth.

Susie spoke to the board updating with the information on the popper stations. She talked about the different types of dispensers.

Joan Updates: She said she is working with Cooter and Frank completing a transportation network inventory, which is something that VTrans requires to apply for their grants. She said its also good to have done anyhow. She explained it is an updateable record of all infrastructure we use for road, which is mostly culverts. It includes road surfaces and guardrail and town own bridges and ditching. She said Cooter has quite a bit of it done and has inventoried of all the

culverts and information on condition and size and need of replacement. She said the information would be gathered and filed in the town office to be updated as needed.

She thanked Frank for all the work for the emergency generator at the town office. She said it is complete and she will file the final paperwork to the Department of Public Safety. She shared that Frank is looking for removal of the buried heating oil heating tank behind the office. He asked Joan to investigate any funding available for remediation of soil contamination in case there may be some. She was able to find at the state level and with the towns insurance policy, there may be coverage there. Frank indicated that Lincoln Technologies who will be doing the environmental study, there is a \$250 deductible from the town and the Feds will cover the rest of the cost if there is any contamination.

Utilities Update: Terry will have a walk around on the 18th with Dubois and King

Highway Update: Frank will talk to Chris Mattrick about the key to access the Bingo gate. Cooter has installed counters up on Bethel Mountain Road for the next couple weeks.

Energy Coordinator: Jeff Gephart announced the charger update will begin in the fall with 4 chargers and there will be a demonstration on the park in the fall for EV vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith