

## Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022

Present: Doon Hinderyckx (absent), Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

**Guests Present:** Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Brenda and Tony Goupee, Dean Mendell, Terry Severy, Larry Strauss, Norm Christiansen, Cricket McCusker

**Guests Present on Zoom:** Orca, Martha Slater, Doreen Jones, Diane Teetsel

Pat Harvey opened the meeting at 6:00pm. She confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

**Park Use Application-Shelter Team:** Pat moved to approve the Shelter Team setting up a table at the Farmers Market one Friday a month. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved

**Park Use Application July 4<sup>th</sup> Riverside Park 5k Dash:** Pierce Hall/Ridgeline Collective will host the annual 5K dash at the Riverside Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

**Pickle Ball Approval:** Pickle ball was discussed in a previous meeting. The board was prepared to approve. The committee members will paint the adjustment of lines to have an interactive court including tennis and pickleball on one of the tennis courts. Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

**Discussion of use of funds:** This is an open forum discussion to bring forward public ideas and suggestions to the selectboard about how best to allocate the granted funds from ARPA. It is the selectboards intent to spend these funds on projects that will benefit as many of our residents as possible with the longest investment benefit. The selectboard will be making the final decisions based on the publics input. Some of the expenses have been defined or earmarked for these funds to be spent. Pat announced the amount of grant funds received to date, \$162,615.76. She explained the second half of these funds will come later. Pat listed the current expenses as follows: A replacement air compressor for the Fire Department in the amount of \$15,750.00. We improved a section of the sidewalk from School Street to the Old fire house in the amount of \$26,600.00. The purchase of THE OWL (device used to improve zoom capabilities for meetings) at the cost of \$963.56. The total amount spent thus far is \$43,313.56. The board estimates the balance of about \$281,919.96 once we receive the second installment of the ARPA funds. Pat noted there are a couple small projects in mind. The board would like to remove an underground storage tank at the Town Office. The town office was awarded an emergency generator with grant funds. The grant funds fell short about \$3,000.00 so this is an opportunity to use some ARPA funds to cover the additional expenses. Frank also added that there are bids going out for another section of the sidewalks to be done before the paving happens in town. He said it would encompass a section in front of Sandy's Books and Bakery for some additional curbing. He said they will be digging out across the Skip Mart to the Bethel Mountain Road and then down in front of the Park House about 100' to the telephone pole by the sidewalks. This would make it all seamless when the paving is done later this summer, early fall. There will be new pavement all along the park and in front of the library. He said he is trying to get it also done in front of the Hardware so its all one piece there. That is pending, awaiting for the bids to come in to see what

the costs will be. Martha asked when the work would be done. Frank stated it will be included in the bid of a blanket date of August 10<sup>th</sup>, depending on the state and their schedule for paving.

Norm Christiansen announced after their recreation committee met, they will be moving forward with their plans to do Skatespace and will be looking for additional funds. They are looking for additional funding sources. Cricket put together a rebuild of the existing space.

- Pump track for recreation
- The other suggestions are as follows:
- The retaining wall repair at the Town Office
- Tree/stump removal (Parks and EV Charging station location area)
- Extra money to set up for the new fire truck
- Library building repairs
- Dog waste bag station
- Help to private landowners for pumpstation improvements

Pat read several letters for suggestions:

- Many letters supporting the repairs and upkeep of the library
- Climate and Energy upgrades to town buildings
- Town garage relocation
- Brook Street repaving from bridge to Klingingsmiths
- Community-wide bulletin board within view of town and traffic
- Bike rack for park (so people don't use the railings at the library)

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith