

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2022

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

Guests Present: Terry Severy, Nancy Woolley,

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca, Martha Slater, Joan Allen, Dave Harvey, Todd Warnock, Troy LaPell, Kathryn Schenkman

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

Pat confirmed the open meeting law conformity

Prior Meeting Minutes: Pat moved to approve July 5, 2022 Special Selectboard minutes. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved. Pat moved to approve the July 7, 2022 Emergency Selectboard meeting minutes. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved. Pat moved to approve the July 11, 2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved. Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes for July 13 will be tabled.

Stray Animal Holding Contract- Homeward Bound: The board decided to table this until the next meeting.

Open Bids for Underground Tank Removal at Town Office: Pat recused herself. Frank opened the bids. There were three bids. Harvey's Plumbing and Electric LLC submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,501.00. The second bid received was from Xcav8 in the amount of \$1,315.00. The final bid submitted Precision Welding and Maintenance in the amount of \$1525.00. Decision will be made at a later date.

Joan Updates: She worked with Frank on the contract with Weaver on the sidewalk contract to get it signed. She also is preparing the documentation for the tank removal at the Town Office. Frank announced that Joan will be resigning on August 26. He said there will be a posting for the administrative position. It will be advertised in a few local papers as well. We will miss her and thanked her for her many years of service to the town.

Highway: The crew continue to do the roadside mowing. Robert Franks complemented the road crew for a great job well done.

Energy Coordinator: Jeff is hoping to have by the end of the week a cost analysis and performance for insulating the Town Garage wall between condition and unconditional space. He is working on a pricing estimate to scope out the work. Pat asked if this could be done this fall. Jeff said it can be difficult with contractor's schedules.

Old Business: Treasurer's Report and Master Financial Policy will be tabled until all SB present to discuss.

Public Comment: Pat read the letter written from Senator Alison Clarkson to Robert Franks and Mason Wade, attached. Comments from the letter. Robert Franks noted the letter was sent to the democratic party of Rochester. He said it was not shared with others in the town, including official offices within the town. He felt it was a dereliction of duties from the former senators,

senators. He felt a letter should have been sent to surrounding towns and board of civil authority so it could be communicated in a correct, democratic way to the people asking questions. He felt it should have been shared in a bipartisan program. He said this is a serious 20–40-year political hydraulic event and it is important. Pat responded to Robert that we are not passing any judgement in the past or the future and that we just want good representation.

Mason shared he became aware of this process when he filed with the State of Vermont as an Independent candidate for Senate in Addison County. He found the communication hadn't happened very well in town. He felt within 24 hours of this committee meeting a town should be notified. The decision was made in April. He asked the selectboard what are their expectations for being notified relating to voting. He said it's clear we are still in the Windsor County judicial system. He said we are only affected by the voting situation of the Senate. He asked what the effects are to be express to the voters. He said he hopes to represent Rochester in Addison County.

Meet was adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith