

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

Guests Present: Orca Media, Nancy Woolley, Terry Severy, Kristen LaPell, Larry Straus

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca Media, Martha Slater, Troy LaPell, Robert Franks, 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 the September 26, 2022, selectboard minutes with one clerical error. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

September Treasurer's Report: Doon Moved to review the review. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, reviewed.

John Dugger Utility Bill: John would like to resolve his utility bill with some help. He is looking to sell that property. This property has only based amount charges. There are no usages. Terry explained if this property was disconnected from town water/sewer it would incur hefty new hook ups with possible state engineers involved. The new hook up could cost anywhere from \$3,000-\$5,000 in charges. It was noted he never did request a disconnect. Pat said the balance would be taken out of the proceeds from selling the property. The board decided John would need to take care of his bill and couldn't give any help towards it since there wasn't any usage. They asked that he work it out in the closing when the property is sold.

Highway Update: Frank shared the state highway paving will be going through the village this week. He said he will be working with John on the Capital Plan as well as the budget workups.

Energy Coordinator Update: Jeff shared with the board the electrical car chargers should be installed by the end of the month. He is working with GMP to make sure they are on track. Frank noted the panels used for this project may not be available for a year. They will look into this.

Jeff would like to speak with Cody Downs about what he found installing the flashing between the first and second story at the library. Frank said he would like to get together with Jeff and see about getting an opinion from a contractor on how to vent the building so the paint would adhere properly. Jeff said he will be in touch with Kristen to update his spreadsheets on energy consumption of the town buildings.

Doon asked if we have any updates on the Resiliency Zone project from Green Mountain Power. Jeff said they have a contract with Norwich Solar, who will be doing the design work and permits for GMP.

Public Comment:

Robert Franks made three comments to the town. He praised Highway Department for job well done on town roads. He noted the laborers for the new building north of town are doing a great job. He asked when the old firehouse was vacated, and the response was 2013. He wanted to

know if the building could be purchased. The board explained the building is used for seasonal storage and not for sale.

Pat asked if we had any further investigation into the maintenance agreement, we are being asked to sign for the stormwater project. Frank would like a copy of the as-built plan, so it can be reviewed. John has been keeping an eye on it since it was installed.

Pat asked if we have heard from Bruce Flewelling about the Jones Mountain property issue. Doon said he spoke with Bruce and will need to get together with Cooter to map out the coordinates with Cooter's phone.

Pat shared she is in the process of initiating a VTrans Safe Routes to Schools Spot Improvement Program Grant. She said this is for bike lanes and sidewalks that leads up to the school. She toured the town with Rita from Two Rivers to site a section of sidewalks to include in this grant. She said this is a 100% funded grant with no match required. She said the section they are looking at is from the Parsonage up to Brook Street. She said the sidewalk will be ADA compliant. There is a piece next to the parsonage that may need to be widened. She said they will replace the granite curbing. There is a stormwater drain at the corner that will need to be reconfigured. She said this is an annual grant that could include bike paths in the future.

Doon moved to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Pat seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith