

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

Guests Present: Orca Media, Nancy Woolley, Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Becky Klein, Randy Andrews, Larry and Lynda Creech, Henry Garzia, Nancy Woolley, John Alexander, Diane Carlton, Steven Cummins

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca Media, Troy LaPell, Martha Slater,

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

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Doon moved to approve the January 9, 2023 selectboard minutes. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Gregory Winnie Property: Becky spoke to the board as the delinquent tax collector explaining Mr. Winnie had passed five years ago and would like for the board to reach out to the town attorney to set up an estate so the property can be sold. Doon agreed to reach out. Becky asked that she be kept in the loop.

West Hill Bridge Replacement Discussion: Chris Mattrick and Brian Austin from the Green Mountain Nation Forest attended the meeting to answer questions the residents from West Hill had on the bridge replacement work to be done this summer. Brian explained the funding is coming from the FLAP-Federal Lands Action Program. The project has a second funding source from VTrans to cover the towns share of the project. There were several questions asked as they provided answers to their questions and concerns.

Discussion about Sheriff services: Board tabled their decision until the next selectboard meeting.

Approve the FY24 Budget and sign the Town Meeting Warning: Board listened to Barb Dehart and tabled their approval until after an emergency Budget and Finance Meeting on Wednesday, January 25 with an emergency selectboard meeting to follow for approving the budget and signing the Town Meeting Warning.

Energy Coordinator: Jeff updated the board with information on the GMP Resiliency. Currently they have filed a 45-day notice to the public and that was filed on December 2, 2022. The last day of the notice was on January 16, 2023

Jeff explained the EV Chargers are still waiting on parts. They have a date of completion tentatively for mid-June.

Jeff is helping the library with the scope of work that would be needed to fix the exterior of the Library. His scope of work will be helpful when the library applies for their grant.

Jeff worked with Kristen in gathering all fuel use in the town to put into a spreadsheet from the past year.

Public Comment: Rob Gardner asked the selectboard about the proposed use of the high school building and if they had thought of other options. The board said they are welcome to other suggestions. They explained the high school can not be used for housing as that has been researched and prohibited for that use.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith