

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2023

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

Guests Present: Orca Media, Nancy Woolley, Kristen LaPell, Tony Goupee, Ann Jeannette Lemak, Dean Mendell, Cricket McCusker, Jeannette Bair

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca Media, Troy LaPell, Martha Slater, Jeff Gephart, Walter Golub

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

Pat confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Prior Meeting Minutes: minutes from the April 10, 2023 selectboard meeting were tabled.

4th of July Request: Martha asked the board for permission to hold the 4th of July celebration on the park. Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Slater/Skatespace Land Transfer: Dean Mendell and Cricket McCusker shared their new plan for the situation. They would like to create an easement to save on legal fees. The board felt a land transfer would be much cleaner for Martha's deed. Frank liked the idea of an easement if proper words could be written. Dean will reach out to Evan Chadwick to write up an easement with Martha. Funding will be provided from the ARPA funds.

Approve Driveway Permit for 2600 North Hollow Road: Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Approve Driveway Permit for Access Road Lot 1 & 4: Pat moved to approve with conditions of using John's notes. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved with John's notes.

Request for funds for Shelter Team Recognition meal: The shelter team submitted a letter to request funds for a volunteer recognition celebration. The board wasn't sure where to find the funds. They would like to research this. It can be possibly funded in the next budget. The board will table for now.

Old Business:

LEMP signature from Larry Plesent once certified: This has been tabled.

Road name change: Letter was received from other landowner in approval of the name change. Pat moved to approve the change of Valley View Road changed to Valley View Drive. All signs are at the cost of the landowners. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Library Updates: Jeannette asked if the board read her current letter. They had. She wanted to keep the board appraised of what can and can't happen in the Capital Projects Grant. The

meeting held at Pierce Hall last week mentioned the energy grants that would be available. She felt perhaps Jeff Gephart's work ups might be more appropriate for that federal money. She said the replacement of the wooden cladding and weatherization wouldn't be included in either of the grants and may have to come from Town funds or another source. Pat asked about the replacement of the roof and Jeannette shared that could be included in the Capital Projects Grant. She stated of the two estimates that have come in for the replacement of the roof was \$79,000 and that would be included in the Capital Projects Grant. She said it would include the sagging on the second floor and topping off the insulation and probably replacing the fancy posts for the ADA which are failing.

Highway Updates: The road crew are cleaning ditches and scrapping roads. The mud is drying up nicely.

Utilities Updates: Terry said the walk around for the annual inspection went well.

Grants Updates: The town was awarded the grant for Roger's Brook on Bethel Mountain culvert replacement in the amount of \$56,000.

Frank noted he ordered fertilizer for the park. Once done the tables and benches will be put out.

Pat reminded everyone that Tuesday, May 2 is voting day for the school board members and the Town vote for Cannabis.

Public Comment:

Anjanette Lemak spoke to the board of several concerns. She asked about safety cones put out on the roads from the public and how it can be confusing. She asked what the town's policy is on neon signs at the Skip Mart. She said she is concerned about the health of the trees and who takes care of them in the forests. Lastly, she asked what policies, if any, are in place for Airbnb's such as fire, number of vehicles.

Frank answered that the cones will need to be reviewed. He said as far as the forest goes, that is not something they do. He said there are no rules yet for Airbnb's in the town. The neon signs are part of the town plan in the zoning regs. He said the ones in windows are ok but the ones outside are prohibited in town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Smith