

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2023

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

Guests Present: Julie Smith, Kristen LaPell, Orca, Nancy Woolley.

Guests Present on Zoom: Troy LaPell, Robert Franks, Martha Slater.

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

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Doon moved to approve the October 9, 2023. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Review September Treasurer's Report: Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Discuss MTAP: MTAP (Municipal Technical Assistance Program) Doon explained this is money that is put out by the legislature to help smaller towns to get a fair share of the monies available for Grants. This can be used for Community assessment, Opportunity Assessment, Funding Application, Permit Assistance, Project Management and implementation. Doon said our town has been preapproved and we just need to reach out to our planning commission to let them know we are interested.

Sign Reappraisal Agreement with NEMRC: Doon moved to sign the agreement with NEMRC as a formality. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Highway Updates: Frank said the sandpile is good. He announced the Bethel Mountain Road will be closing in early November to replace the culvert at the stop light. He said that Bethel has asked Rochester if they could plow the top section of Bethel side while the replacement is under construction. He shared he is working on the NUTS (Not up to standards) Road up to Stewart Browns to update to a Class 3 road. He will need to speak with Bruce Flewelling to see what information he has.

Grant Updates: Kristen shared the final payment was made for West Hill Bridge replacement project. She will be requesting for reimbursement soon.

Doon shared the school ballot vote looks to be happening the day after Town Meeting during the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 5, 2023. More information to come.

Public Comment: Robert Franks shared two concerns. He asked what the technical difficulty was for the canceled Selectboard meeting on September 25th and he was concerned about the use of public emails vs town emails for elected officials.

Doon moved to adjourn at 6:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Smith