

## Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

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

Guests: Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Terry Severy, Dave Harvey, Asia Kennett, Jammie Dzhugashvili, Derek Dzhugashvili, Sara Martire, Lizzy Shackelford, Kevin Dougherty, Susie Smolen, Nancy Woolley, and Orca Media

Zoom Guests: Martha Slater, Troy LaPell, Jan McCann, Orca Media, Mickaela Richardson,

Pat called the meeting at 6:15 pm

Pat confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Pat moved to approve the February 26, 2024, minutes. Frank seconded, all in favor. Pat moved to approve the Pre-Town Meeting minutes. Frank seconded, all in favor. The Special Meeting Minutes have been tabled.

**Grant Discussion for AED:** Jan applied for the AED grant through Ben & Jerry's. The application was approved on March 6 for \$1500. Kristen requested the application documents. The costs of the AED were estimated around \$2000, and Jan asked if the town would be able to purchase it. She noted the Zoll manufacture works well with White River Valley Ambulance. Pat asked if she could provide the details and whether the town would support the purchase of the AED for the town office building.

**Permission for 100 on 100-August 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-5:00 passing through, insurance provided:** Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded, all in favor. So, approved.

**Park Use Application-May 24-Oct. 4 Rochester Farmers Market:** Asia provided the board with the vendors' rules and will provide the town with liability insurance. She shared that \$3,000 was spent on EBT cards last year. Pat moved to approve the application. Frank seconded, all in favor. So, approved.

**Park Use Application-May 31-October 4-Library Summer Reading Program 3-5pm:** The library would like to have the summer reading program for children held during the Farmer's Market on the gazebo. Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

**Park Use Application-August 10<sup>th</sup> Library Family concert with Busy Morning Band 12-2:30 pm:** Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

**Fourth of July discussion-Martha Slater:** Martha said the fourth is on a Thursday this year. She is asking permission to organize the parade. She is still deciding on the theme this year. Pat moved to approve Martha organizing the Fourth of July Parade. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

**Relining the parking lot at the Town Office to accommodate additional parking-Susie Smolen:** Susie asked the board to think about the way the parking lot is used and asked if an additional row of parking could be incorporated. She asked if there could be lines painted to map

out the additional parking spots. Frank said it would cost 40-50k to repave the parking lot before any lines are painted. Pat said once that is done, it would be sufficient to bring up the additional parking.

**Appointments:** Pat explained, with Doon not present, they only wanted to appoint the critical positions to keep town business going. The remaining appointments could be done when the board is all present. The selectboard members were appointed as the Water Commissioner and Sewer Commissioners, Tree Warden, and Park Committee. Terry Severy was appointed as the Sewer Plant Operator and Water Plant Operator. Cody Bowen was appointed as the Assistant Water Plant and Sewer Plant Operator. Doon was appointed the On-Site Wastewater Officer. Rob Gardner was appointed as the Granville First Response Representative. Jeff Gephart was appointed as the Energy Coordinator. Julie Smith was appointed as the Recycling Coordinator and finally Jeff Brown was appointed as the Animal Control Officer/Humane Officer. All appointments are for a one-year term.

**Highway Update:** The crew are at it with the last storm. Frank did not know if John would be posting the roads.

**Utilities Update:** Terry is looking to increase the utility rates. He will wait for a full board to discuss. He noted there will be a walk around with DuBois and King.

**Grant Updates:** Signatures were required for the BRIC subgrant agreement.

**Public Comment:** Nancy suggested using ARPA funds for a sound system with microphones for future Town Meetings because it was hard to hear well at this year's town meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith