

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2024

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

Guests Present: Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Terry Severy, Nancy Woolley, Orca Media, Dave Harvey, Brian Kovalick, Lois Bond, John Lambert, Bill & Deb Matthews

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca, Martha Slater, Troy LaPell, Kevin & Paula Dougherty, Robert Franks, Louis Donnet

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

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Prior Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2024. Pat moved to approve the minutes. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Appointments: All positions were approved and appointed by the board except Zoning Administrator-Doon will fulfill the position until Pat takes over after her permit has been decided. Tri-Valley Transit has a vacant position. Doon will speak EC Fiber to see if there is a need for a town representative position. Attached are the approved appointments.

MTAP Capital Budget kickoff project-Bryan Kovalick: Brian presented to the board the next step towards the Capital Planning project would be to reach out to the committee members and establishing meetings to go through September and inviting the heads of town departments to create prioritized needs keeping in mind the community's vision. The town will reach out with contacts to Bryan to set up the future meetings.

First Class Liquor License for Maple Soul: Doon moved to approve the first-class liquor license for Maple Soul. Pat seconded. All in favor. So approved.

Adopt 2024 LEMP: Larry presented the updated LEMP (Local Emergency Management Plan) to the board for 2024. Doon moved to approve and sign. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Approve March Treasurer's Report: Doon moved to approve the March report. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Sign Letter of Intent to participate in the FY24 Grants-In-Aid Program: Kristen presented the board with the intent notice. The board accepted. Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

North Star Rubbish Removal Contract 7/01/2024-06/30/2025: Doon moved to approve the new contract that was approved at Budget and Finance in the fall in the amount of \$21,420.00.

No change to her contract amount. Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Approve Driveway Permit-Erick Wilson 342 Access Road: Doon moved to approve with the conditions written from John on the culvert size. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Approve Purchase Sale Contract for HS Building with Contingencies: Doon explained that Kathryn and Vic asked if this item could be tabled. They had information that was forthcoming and needed to be included in the contingencies of the sales contract.

LHMP Advanced Notice to Proceed with RFP to procure Consultant: Julie explained the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was ready to proceed for requests for bids for a consultant to work with on the updating of this plan. Doon accepted and asked to proceed and send out the requests.

Confirmation of ARPA funds for Jaws of Life for FD: Terry shared with the board the new Jaws of Life would cost \$28,000. Currently, they have raised \$9,000. Terry confirmed with the board they were still going to put the \$8,000 towards the new Jaws of Life that was discussed at a past selectboard meeting. The board agreed on the \$8,000 to come from the ARPA funds. The remaining amount will come from upcoming fundraising efforts.

Highway Update: Frank said the construction has begun on Bethel Mountain Road and should be done by the end of the week.

Utilities Updates: Terry said they finished the spring walk around with DuBois and King.

Pat announced the Haynes property is all ready to go with the USDA grant. She said they will now cover the project 100%.

Public Comment: John Lambert spoke to the board about what the town's plan are to enforce dog ordinances.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Smith