

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

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

Guests Present: Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Terry Severy, Nancy Woolley, Orca Media, Stewart & Martha Brown, Mason Wade, Brian McFarlan, Zack Cavacas, Michale Silver, Vic Ribaud, Kathryn Schenkman, Cricket McCusker, Wendy Stedner, Mickaela Richardson, John Lambert

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca, Martha Slater, Troy LaPell, Chad Richardson, Robert Franks, Louis Donnet

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

Pat confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Pat moved to approve the April 22, 2024, with a clerical error. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved. Pat moved to approve the April 29 SB Informational minutes. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Opening Bids: Cricket opened the bids for the retaining wall project. 5 bids were received. 3 hard copy and 2 emailed. Derick Aldrighetti from Aldrighetti Construction LLC submitted an email bid in the amount of \$43,435.00. Blue Mountain Trucking and Excavating submitted an email bid in the amount of \$98,100.00. ECS Excavating submitted a hard copy bid in the amount of \$44,988.15. Daniels Construction submitted a hard copy bid in the amount of \$89,620.00. Kingsbury Construction submitted a hard copy bid in the amount of \$72,362.50. The bids will be tabulated, and results will be announced in a weeks' time. One bid was submitted for Skatespace, by email from Standard Construction in the amount of \$92,105.

Compost update and discussion: Zack Cavacas from Music Mountain Compost informed the board that he will be reapplying for a new permit with the state and relocating the compost pile to a new location on the Brown property to give more room to the neighbor. Zack has been in business for 3 years now. He reached out to a state consultant for assistance on any improvements. Pat said it was great to share the update and has referred Zack to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting for the change.

Picnic Tables at the Baseball fields discussion: Wendy Stender asked the board to allow the Tri-Town Sports to have picnic tables down at the ballfields. They were offered two tables for the price of one through Bethel Mills. They are willing to store the tables in the dugouts when not in use. The board supported the group so long as they made the arrangements to store the tables.

CDBG Extension Amendment: The board gave official approval to expand the scope of work to be conducted under the \$10,000 extension to the existing feasibility study grant for repurposing the former high school. That added scope of work is required for the application for a Community Development Block Grant.

Approve Café's Outdoor Consumption Liquor License approval: Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Approve Café's First-Class Restaurant License: Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So approved.

Park Use Application for Library for June 8 Summer Program for kids: 12:30-3:00pm Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Additions to the agenda: Mason asked the board to include on their next agenda, a discussion to pursue the initiative that passed at the annual meeting and removing the delinquent tax list from the annual town report. He would also like to add to the town report the past initiatives for voters to see the history and he would also like to include information on how people can run for offices in town and participation. Pat said the Town Report has increased in number, so it has become very costly.

Highway Report: Bethel Mountain is finished with its work and now opened. Cooter met with Rita to work on West Hill Road plans for ditching.

Old Business: John Lambert was appreciative of the dog issue being handled after four months of problems. The dog was removed, and he was curious about the update to his previous questions about how to assist people faster for the process of dog bites and nuisance dogs. Pat explained a small sub-committee is working on updating the ordinance in accordance with the state statutes. She said they are working on the process with better action. Another person came forward and said that his granddaughter was bitten by the same dog last fall. He was glad to hear something had been done.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Smith