

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

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

Guests Present: Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Nancy Woolley, Orca Media, Mason Wade, Mary Fratini, Jeff Gephart

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca, Martha Slater, Troy LaPell

Pat called the meeting at 6:16p.m.

Pat confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Pat moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Selectboard Meeting held on June 24, 2024. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Park Use Application- Brooklyn Healing Arts- Wellness & Health Wednesdays at 5:30 pm: Pat moved to approve. Frank seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

CV Oil Pre-Buy for the Town Office: The board will reach out to CV Oil to negotiate a rate for all town accounts for pre-buy.

Rochester-Stockbridge Unified School revote will be held on July 23 at Stockbridge school at 6 pm.

Highway Updates: The road crew is working on West Hill. There will be some stone-line ditching done.

Energy Coordinator Updates: Jeff sent the board and email with language around the mowing contract. He said the commercial mowers on the market can mow all day. The board was happy with the language. They didn't want to scare anyone away from mowing if they didn't have electric mowers. Pat said that she could reach out to companies that sell electric mowers to see if anyone in our valley has purchased one to invite them to bid. He mentioned the rebate incentives for purchasing electric mowers. Jeff reached out to other municipalities to see who is using the electric mowers and he found that the town purchased the electric mowers and they bid out the labor. The board said it would be very costly for the town to purchase and hire a new employee to mow. Frank said the town is working on the Capital Planning and may have to consider this down the road if there are no contractors bidding on mowing.

Jeff said all the windows in the town office building were measured and he sent an email with the costs for the window inserts. He said there will be a community build week in Bethel sometime in October. He shared the costs were low because of the volunteer efforts. Pat said the figure is \$972 for the office building. He said you could pick and choose the rooms you would want to have the inserts made for. The inserts can be removed to open windows as needed.

He also spoke about the LED lighting replacements for the town office building. He said half are one type of ballast. He is awaiting a cost from GMP and will speak with the office about how lights are used to calculate the savings.

Jeff asked if there could be signing for the No Idling placed in town as a statement and encouragement for people to be aware. Pat said putting up more signs around town was not favorable. She thought it would be helpful to put at entering town limits. She said she felt it wouldn't be enforceable with asking Sheriff's department to write fines for. She said there should be exceptions or children and pets in cars. She also didn't want residents running around yelling at other residents because they left their car running with kids or dogs inside. Mary shared a well-placed sign wouldn't have to generate bad feeling. Mason said it is an educational tool.

Mary asked what the status is for the Vote on the High School Building. Pat said we had two of four informational meetings. She said Mason asked in a previous meeting of having the vote happen on the November election day for better attendance. It makes the most sense. The board has basically set the date but not officially.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Smith