

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 4, 2020

- I. OPEN MEETING – The May 4, 2020 Selectboard meeting was held at the Town Office and by remote Zoom. Those present at the Town Office with all present seated 6 ft apart: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory Noyes and Noreen Labrecque. Those joining via Zoom: Richard Thibeault, April Busfield and Scott Nichols. The meeting was opened by Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. at 3:00PM.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Haven to approve the April 20, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Contract for Services – sign for David White, Update on Sewer Project.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Scott Nichols had concerns about the condition of Hudson Road which has been a problem ever since he moved up there. His main concern is the lack of ability for emergency vehicles to get up there during the mud season while the road is not passable. He has not been able to drive his truck to his house for 6 weeks now. Frank will investigate the liability issue for emergency vehicles. Richard stated that the bad spots are the same spots every year. Barricades have been put in place to keep traffic off the road. Jeff has put up a camera to record who is disregarding the traffic limits. Richard said that in the past Raymond Nott, who is a camp owner on Hudson Road, has offered his heavy equipment to do roadwork up there should the Town choose to hire him. Scott also wanted to discuss what is being done about ATV's since Clark Jeffers has closed his pit to ATV traffic. The board has not met with the ATV Club yet this year. They will set up a meeting with them soon.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Scott Nichols – see above
 2. PACIF GRANT APPROVED - Noreen received notification that the Town has been awarded the 50/50 grant from PACIF for the road signs.
 3. Richard reported that he has done what he can do on the roads. Fund Road has dried out, so Tom Collins has been able to drive to his house now.
 4. The Culvert on River Road has been cleaned out.
 5. Frank had the job descriptions completed – board will review for next meeting
- VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Sewer ordinance – No action
2. 144 Rouleau Road – April stated that when she and Brian camera'd the line there were substantial roots growing inside, so the camera was not able to go any further. The resident was present during this and witnessed the images. A letter to go out to resident.
3. April reported that the Sludge Sled is now being used after the winter break. She and Brian will be flushing hydrants this week.
4. Noreen received an email from Dexter LaFleur (Tata and Howard) with an update on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. See the attached email for the update.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Stump Dump – Gregory explained the problem with illegal items to the operator and supplied him with a copy of the ordinance. Those items have been removed and brought to the Transfer Station. Gregory noted that the fence and gate need repairs.
2. New signs – Gregory stated that new signs need to be made for both the Stump Dump and the Transfer Station. He will let Noreen and Diana know what signs to order.
3. C&D Container – Gregory said that the C&D Container needs repairs and will be taken to Larry Lemieux in Pittsburg. JK Lynch will replace it temporarily with the one we have used from Dan Hebert in the past.
4. Review fee listing – No action
5. Need quarterly meeting with operators – Will set up after the COVID 19 shut down is lifted.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Fragrant free building – Noreen explained to the Selectboard that she and Diana have noticed that since the tenants of the building have been absent that they have experienced less headaches and ill effects from fragrances that are being used. She asked if the board would consider an ordinance making the Town Office as a Fragrant Free building. She explained that the ADA does recognize "fragrant sensitivity" as a disability. Frank will reach out to VLCT to inquire about an ordinance. Frank asked if this is something that should be added to a Lease Agreement?
2. 2020 Final Cash Flow Report - \$14,242.56 From School Dist. Back to Town – Noreen stated that Bridget had quoted her a different figure, but this is the figure that was on the report she received.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Job Descriptions – See above – Board members will review and finalize at next meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Zoning Meeting – Frank gave a report on the Zoning Meeting last week. The board discussed the water issue behind the Ounan building. Gregory remembered a meeting

with VT AOT with regards to the problem and suggested another meeting with them. The board also discussed the “junk yard” on Gale street that needs to be addressed. The board will set up a time to do their yearly ride around using two vehicles as only two people are allowed in a vehicle due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to enter executed session to discuss a personnel issue. Board entered executive session at 4:27PM. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to exit the executive session at 4:33PM. No action taken.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$71,711.07 – Board reviewed and approved.

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion was made by Haven to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr adjourned the May 4, 2020 Selectboard meeting at 4:38PM.