

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

- I. OPEN MEETING – The September 7, 2020 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr at 5:55PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Haven Haynes Jr. (via telephone conference), Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault and Jon Morin via Zoom.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to approve the August 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
 1. John Morin – running for Essex/Orleans Rep. – John Morin from Holland, VT is running for State Senate Seat for Essex/Orleans district. He wanted to reach out to the Canaan Selectboard to inform them of his position and would like to meet in person at some point when possible. The Selectboard discussed a few of the issues that Canaan is facing with composting, elder care and dispatch center.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Gravel Bids – Two bids were received. Laurent Rancourt – \$8.75/yd
Clark Jeffers - \$7.60/yd.
On a motion by Gregory and seconded by Haven the board unanimously approved the bid from Clark Jeffers.
 2. Grant Agreement – Culvert on Canaan Hill – Funds should be disbursed in the next week or two.
 3. Richard reported that the Better Roads graveling job on Todd Hill is progressing nicely. Ditching is complete and 11,000 to 12,000 yards of gravel is being delivered. Allen May paid a visit to the site and was pleased with the progress. Gregory also rode up and inspected the project.
 4. Richard will do grading on Canaan Hill once time allows.
 5. Richard and Brian have almost completed the addition to the Town Garage for the Backhoe Bay. Richard stated that Brian used all his own tools for the job and inquired if Brian could get compensated for it. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Greg to pay Brian \$100 for the use of his tools for the building project. Board approved unanimously.
 6. Richard explained that Penn Road needs approximately 500 yards of gravel at a cost of about \$7,000. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Haven to purchase the needed gravel for Penn Road. Board approved unanimously.
 7. Narrow bridge sign for Hall Stream Bridge - There is a sign coming from Hall Stream Road to village but not one the other direction. Richard and the Selectboard discussed placement and concluded the area between Vincent's Apt. and Prehemo. Richard will put sign up.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Noreen stated that the final payment from USDA for the FY18 Wastewater Project. Board has not received any Final Inspection Report from Tata and Howard on this project to date. Board agreed to hold back final payment until they received this report.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Draft SWIP – Oct 1, 2020 revisions required – Gregory stated that he and Noreen received feedback from ANR with regards to the SWIP. They requested better solutions to some aspects so Gregory will concentrate on this. Due date is October 1st, 2020.
2. Transfer station tree removal – The tree has been removed.
3. HHW – next week – September 11th and 12th. Greg will check on space available.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Open office – purchase Counter Sneeze Guards – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory for the purchase. Board approved unanimously.
2. Property line pins – Frank contacted Dana Masson with regards to the property line markers for the Meadow Lot. Fire District #1 will deal with the property markers for the property on Power House Road and Gale Street.
3. Furnace proposal – \$5,586.00 - Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to accept the proposal for the new furnace for the Town Office Building.
4. Welcome sign installation – CNC – Richard will install.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Updates on list – no action
2. Ride around September 8th – Board will meet at 3:00PM on Tuesday, September 8th.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Frank will inquire with the School Board to see if they are interested in attending the Selectboard meetings on occasion to keep both boards updated on events.
2. Frank stated that he feels he will need to go to Montpelier with regards to the Consolidated phone line problems in town.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$58,639.96 – Board members executed warrant.

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven, Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. adjourned the September 7, 2020 Selectboard meeting at 6:50PM.