

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 2020

- I. OPEN MEETING – The August 25, 2020 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr at 5:56 PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Haven Haynes, Jr. (via conference call), Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault and Jeff Noyes.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to approve the August 10, 2020 Selectboard meeting minutes. Approved by both board members present. (Note: Haven joined later)
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
  1. Jamie Lesperance – Coos County Recycling Center – Jamie was unable to attend but left word with Gregory that the concerns are unallowable plastic items being left in the recycling plastics container. The board agreed that more oversight is needed. Greg and Frank will work on wording for signs to be erected at the Transfer Station.
  2. Jeff Noyes was in to give the Selectboard an update on the cruiser and some potential costs for dispatching coming down the road. He was told that the cruiser will be going into production September 21<sup>st</sup>. Still no decision on what to do with the old cruiser. Jeff will check with the Sheriff's Dept.  
Jeff informed the Selectboard that the VT Dept. of Public Safety is proposing options for funding the Dispatch services in Vermont and in the future Canaan will probably be required to pay for those services in Vermont as well as our local Dispatch Services. The ATV subject was discussed. All ATVers are required to wear helmets even those using the NH railbed trail. Jeff stated that with this being a new law the law enforcement agencies statewide are using education instead of ticketing for this year. Jeff added that the whole ATV popularity got ahead of any existing law(s), so the Legislature really needs to come up with new laws to address this statewide problem. Noreen asked if there was any update on the vandalism in the Rec. Park. Jeff will check with Larry Smith on this.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
  1. Richard reported that the graveling on Todd Hill has started this week. Noreen cautioned the tax dollars are being delayed so the funds might not be available this year for all graveling projects that were planned.  
Richard stated that he and Brian are willing to take on the garage addition and Kevin McKinnon has agreed to help if needed.

Richard said that the International Truck is going to need some repairs before the winter season.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Schedule - no action at this time.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. HHW event – Sept 11 & 12 – still happening??? Board agreed to hold the HHW event in September.
2. Online training for Grant requests – No action
3. Food collection buckets for classrooms – ANR – The board will review the options.
4. C&D Container – Has been fixed.
5. Gregory got permission from the landowner to cut down the tree that is obstructing the sightline coming out of the Transfer Station.
6. The board discussed the concerns raised by ALL Metals with motor oil being dumped in the metal's container and running out all over the ground when the container is moved. More signs will be erected reminding everyone that motor oil needs to be removed before dumping any metals in the container.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Set and approve Town Tax Rates – With the upcoming BCA Appeal Hearing on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the board agreed that the Tax Rate will be set after the hearing and the Taxes will be due November 1<sup>st</sup> instead of October 1<sup>st</sup> this year only.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Junkie Yards – Selectboard will schedule another ride around to see what progress has been made, if any, and continue the process with those still not making any efforts.
2. Survey markings for Meadow Lot – need to locate – Frank will contact Dana Masson about locating the markers in the Meadow lot.
3. Any updates on Consolidated Communications?? - Frank stated that there is no new info to report and suggested that perhaps he take a trip to Montpelier to talk to the Public Service Board in person.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. September 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day – Select. Mtg? – Board agreed to meet on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$75,112.92

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven, Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr adjourned the August 25, 2020 Selectboard meeting at 7:04PM.