

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 1, 2020

- I. OPEN MEETING – Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. opened the June 1, 2020 Selectboard meeting at 6:00PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Jeff Noyes and via ZOOM Doug Burns, David Santamaria and other members from the ATV Club.

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to approve the minutes for the May 18, 2020 Selectboard Meeting. Board approved as written. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to approve the minutes for the May 26, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Board approved as written.

- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – ATV Club, Pump repair, LEMP adoption.

- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
 1. The NEK ATV Club members attended the meeting via zoom to discuss the opening of Hudson Road for ATV use. They asked that Hudson Road be open to the access to Paul Riendeau’s camp because there still is no access through Lemington. The Selectboard asked if the Club could furnish the board with a map of the trails in Canaan so they will have a better idea of where the Club is requesting access on Hudson Road. The Club had concerns with that portion of the trail being closed it would limit the ATVers and that in turn would affect a lot of local businesses. The Club has signage erected from Canaan Village to Canaan Hill and over to April’s Maple. They will add signage on Clay Brook Road to Hudson Road once they receive permission from the Selectboard. The Club is willing to pay for some repairs to Hudson Road should the ATV Traffic damage it. The board stated that any repairs to Hudson Road would need to be examined dependent on what funds are available.

- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Richard and the board discussed the repair on Hudson Road. Ditching and culverts above the Houle property is most needed. Richard also stated that the Class IV section of Canaan Hill needs gravel and attention as well. He guessed that 10 loads of gravel would be needed. The board will tour both Hudson Road and Canaan Hill with Richard to make an informed decision. If the board finds the 10 loads and ditching will suffice, motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to approve up to \$2500 for gravel on Canaan Hill. Jeff Noyes offered to help Richard with culverts since and employee is

out for an injury. The board will meet tomorrow at 1:00PM to tour the roads with Richard.

2. In light of the above discussion Frank Sawicki, Jr made a motion to approve opening Hudson Road to ATV traffic once signage has been erected, there is an assurance of policing (Jeff will confirm with Trevor Colby, Essex County Sheriff) and a map of the trails is provided by the ATV Club to the Selectboard. This motion was seconded by Gregory and approved unanimously.
3. Better Back Road Grants – Richard informed the board that he spoke to Alan May about these grants. He was informed there is a 28% budget cut and it will be July before anyone knows whether their grant has been approved. The Town of Canaan has applied for two grants.
4. Sidewalk corner Gale St./Christian Hill - Noreen had pictures of the sidewalk damage. She also presented the board with a list of other building and infrastructure items that have been put on hold or not addressed to date. The board will meet on Wednesday, June 10th at 1:00PM to prioritize the list.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Tour of Treatment Plant with April – Greg report – Gregory had April show him the process for removing the grit that was the cause of the injury to the employee. She stated that they will be removing the grit using more bags to assure the contents are not too heavy.
2. The Selectboard discussed the cost related to the three grinding pump repairs for the Treatment Plant. A letter will be sent to Tata and Howard with regards to the board's decision to split the cost of the repair kits evenly with Tata and Howard. Notification will be sent to Jon Harries of USDA of this decision.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Floor Jack – Gregory will speak to Marc about this and get prices.
2. Repair Compactor - The compactor is starting to leak fluid and will need to be repaired. Gregory will contact Rodney Day about this.
3. Repair C&D container – Gregory will get an update from Dan Lynch on this.
4. A reminder that the SWIP is due July 1, 2020. Noreen, Gregory and Frank will work on this.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Town Office building fixes (see above)
2. Grand List – drop in values – will affect tax rates – Noreen informed the board of a significant drop in the Grand List this year due to depreciation on Central Rivers Power's inventory. This will result in higher tax rates than was anticipated at Town meeting.

3. Local Emergency Management Plan – The Selectboard reviewed the revised LEMP and approved unanimously on a motion by Haven and seconded by Gregory.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. ATV – see above
2. Job Descriptions – No action
3. Policy Updates – Will sign Fragrance Free policy at next meeting.
4. Ride Around – need to check property at 67 Jacob Chopping Rd – Complaint from neighbor – info only – no action
5. Forest Committee – The board discussed the Forest Committee meeting that was held last week – no action taken

X. OTHER BUSINESS – No business

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - Approved and signed warrant #11-20 - \$49,368.99

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to recess the meeting. Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. recessed the June 1, 2020 Selectboard meeting at 8:07PM. The meeting will reconvene on June 10th at 1:00PM to review and prioritize the list of needed items and review the list of items made during the Selectboard Ride Around.

June 10, 2020

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

The Canaan Selectboard resumed their meeting on June 10, 2020 at 1:00PM to complete business not taken care of at the June 1, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Haven Haynes, Jr. and Noreen Labrecque.

1. List of items needed to be addressed with buildings and infrastructure – The Selectboard listed the items according to time and urgency.
2. The board reviewed the Town of Canaan, Vermont Fragrance-Free Policy for the Town buildings and vehicles. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Gregory, the board approved the policy unanimously.
3. A letter to Tata and Howard was reviewed by the board and approved. The letter will be sent to Tata and Howard certified mail/return receipt immediately.
4. Frank and Noreen will not be at the Monday, June 15th Selectboard Meeting. Diana Rancourt will take the minutes to that meeting.

On a motion by Haven and seconded by Gregory to adjourn the June 10, 2020 portion of the June 1, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 2:16PM.