

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 14, 2020

- I. OPEN MEETING – The December 14, 2020 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr at 5:58PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Haven Haynes, Jr., (via telephone conference call), Noreen Labrecque, April Busfield, Jeff Noyes, Josh Kelly, and James McSweeney (VT ANR – Waste Management Div.), and Alfred Buckley.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to approve the November 30, 2020 Select board meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried in the affirmative.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Insurance on Ford Taurus.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
 1. Al Buckley was in to suggest to the Selectboard that the historical “anchor” located in some long brush at the Alice Ward Library be moved to Fletcher Park. He had a price from Cunningham’s of \$500 for a stone base and to move to the Park. The Selectboard will discuss at their next meeting.
 2. Al also gave a summary of the article he submitted for the newsletter about the work the Cemetery Committee did over the summer.
 3. Josh Kelly and James McSweeney – Frank told Josh and James that he would be signing the Food Scrap Grant Agreement and would be sending out tomorrow. James McSweeney suggested the Selectboard look at a Jora Compost Tumbler. Once the board has researched and tested how much food scraps they will be collecting, they will decide on what size composter and whether more than one unit will be needed.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY - No report or action
- VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –
 1. Septage receiving policy – Board will review.
 2. Report on pumps – April stated that they are not having to pull pumps as often lately. She explained the by-pass piping she has received approval from the State for in the Headworks Building.
 3. Sewer – April gave the board a report on the broken sewer line on VT RTE 102. Jim Belknap did the digging for the project. Since it was on a State Highway, Jason Sevigney

from VT AOT was onsite to assure proper procedures were followed and look over the site. The broken pipe was located under the road on the white line. The invoice from J. Belknap was \$1660.00. The Tallmage bill had not been received but April got a verbal estimate of \$2200.00 from them. Board approved these costs.

4. Noreen inquired about the ramp at the Treatment plant. April stated that Paul Crane was slated to do the work this week.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Grant Agreement – signed and approved
2. Friday Dec 25th & Friday Jan 1st – Transfer Station open?? – Newsletter – The Selectboard decided that the Transfer Station will be closed on Friday, December 25th, and Friday January 1st.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Jeff Noyes reported that he has not received any information regarding the phone. They discussed what to do with the old cruiser. Jeff stated that the vinyl lettering would need to be removed prior to selling it. It will probably need to be heated with a heat gun which Al Buckley offered his if the town wanted to borrow it.
2. Town Meeting and COVID – Karen Conroy, Superintendent of Schools, was in to give an update on some of the school activities. She informed the board that the Superintendent's office will be moving down to the school owned building at 5 Park Street. She did not have a timeline for the move.
Karen stated that the plan is for the school to open for in person learning for all students on January 4th, 2021. Presently there are 40 kids being taught in person at the school. They have been notified that all schools and staff are slated for the new COVID vaccine in Round 2 of the State Plan.
Karen and the board discussed the March Town Meeting. It is too early to make definite plans, but she stated that she has no problem with all budgetary and other articles for the school be voted on by Australian Ballot. The board inquired as to how many bodies would be able to fit in the School Gymnasium safely using the CDC's mandates. Karen was unsure of the square footage of the Gym but will get back to the board with that information and it can be discussed at a future date.
3. Zoning Permit fee increase - The Selectboard discussed increasing the Zoning Permits from \$25.00 per permit for a regular permit to \$50.00 and \$65.00 for permits requiring a hearing beginning January 1, 2021. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to approve the increases. Motion unanimously carried in the affirmative.
4. Dispatch – no action
5. The 45th Parallel sent Frank the 2021 figure of \$60,905.00 for the Town of Canaan, a reduction of \$4345.00 for the 2020 amount.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Adjustment to General Budget – Board will work on Salaries and other budget items on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 1:00PM.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. VTel wireless extended service – Board received notification that the free Vtel wireless service at the Town Office will continue until June 30, 2021.
2. Review and approve the Police Vehicle Take Home Policy – Board will review with Jeff on December 16, 2020.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$58,219.94 – review and signed by board.

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Gregory, Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. recesses the December 14, 2020 Selectboard meeting which will reconvene on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 1:00PM.