

## **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**November 16, 2020**

- I. OPEN MEETING – The November 16, 2020 Selectboard meeting opened at 5:58PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Noreen Labrecque, Jeff Noyes, Dawn Dion and via zoom April Busfield.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to approve the November 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – no action
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
  1. Dawn Dion was in to discuss the meeting the Selectboard had with the Canaan Border Riders at the site of the Meadow Lot trail. The Club will be placing jersey barriers along the trail to prevent snowmobilers from encroaching on the Dion property. The trail across the Meadow lot will be roped off to prevent snowmobilers from riding outside of the trail boundary. Frank has been in contact with the school and stressed the importance of the rider going to school to remain in one track and not ride outside of it. Schoolboard Chairman Dan Wade assured Frank that violators will have their snowmobile privileges taken away.
- V. REPORT FROM POLICE DEPT. –
  1. Cruiser update – The Selectboard examined the new cruiser and were very pleased with it. Jeff still needs to have the radio hooked up and a few other switch-overs from the old cruiser but is able to use the cruiser at this time. Jeff will have winter tires put on as well.
  2. Jeff also mentioned he will be composing a letter with regards to the Vermont Dispatch situation. He also will be switching his cell phone to AT&T since the installation of the towers between Canaan and Island Pond are usable for police and emergency operations.
- VI. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY - No report
- VII. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –
  1. Wastewater testing – COVID – A resident inquired about doing this testing in Canaan because he saw it was being done in Burlington, VT. April researched it and explained

the process for the wastewater COVID testing. The tests cost \$300 per test and in order to do it correctly, 50 tests a month would need to be done. The other costs would be overnighting the test to a lab in Tennessee (which is the only lab she was able to find that does the testing) because the test have a 24- hour hold time. The board felt the cost was to exorbitant to even consider for the Town of Canaan.

2. April stated that she and Chester will alternate weekends through May during plowing season.

#### VIII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Final Draft – 5 Year SWIP Plan – The Selectboard reviewed the plan as written. They will send it to ANR for their approval and have their public meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 which will be conducted through zoom.

Gregory had some literature from NRRRA for school programs which he will send to the Canaan Schools.

2. Food Scrap Compost Operator Training – These trainings will be held via zoom on January 21, 2021 from 10AM-2PM and on February 3, 2021 from 10AM-2PM. Frank will be attending and both Greg and Haven will attend if able. The board discussed Food Scrap collection for the Town. Gregory checked into a 40- yard container to hold the food scraps prior to sending off site to be composted. He was advised that bears would definitely be a problem with using a container. Greg stated that Ben Gauthier had reviewed the site down on VT RTE 102 and found a spot on that land that could work. The board will have to meet with the farmer to see if he is willing to meet the criteria for setting up a composting site on his land. They all agreed that until a definite solution to moving the collected food scraps is in place, it does not make any sense to place a larger container at the transfer station for collection. Frank will research the cost and availability of a commercial grade composter. In the interim, the board thought they could put up the buckets and at the end of the day, depending on how much is collected, Gregory could take it home to his composter. This still does not solve the collecting in the winter months.
3. Need to complete Solid Waste Implementation Grant Application for HHW – Due Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Noreen will complete using last year's as a guide.
4. Frank will check on the Hazardous Pay grant.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Review Dispatch budget – Frank and Haven attended the meeting. Canaan's cost was reduced by \$371.35 due to the reduction in calls last year.
2. Set up dates for working on budgets – The board will meet on December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM to 4:00PM to work on the 2021 Budget for the General, Highway and Sewer.
3. COVID testing – November 21, 2020 – 9:00-3:00 – info only.

#### X. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Update – snowmobile trail - see above

2. Letter to Governor – Board to review.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. NEMRC agreement – Frank signed the agreement.
2. Proclamation – The Selectboard reviewed and signed the School Choice Proclamation.
3. Gregory will check the HHW material that is located at a residence in Beecher Falls.

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$1,574,201.72

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING - Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to adjourn the November 16, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:32PM.