

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Minutes

DECEMBER 18, 2017

NOTE: The Abatement of Taxes meeting scheduled for this evening had been cancelled due to the absence of any abatements being brought before the board.

- I. OPEN MEETING – The December 18, 2017 Selectboard meeting opened at 5:55PM. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Haven Haynes, Jr., Frank Sawicki, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Brian Bissonnette, Margaret Haynes, Scott Nichols.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the December 4, 2017 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Personnel policy change, Zoning Permit.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Scott Nichols was in to inform the board that he has been doing maintenance on Hudson Road in order for the road to be passable for the two families that live on that road. He has had to dig a water trench across the road in order to divert an underground spring flow. He has been pushing snow off the road in order to get to his driveway. Scott is concerned what liability falls on him because of a previous comment by the board stating that the Town does not want individuals maintaining Town Roads for liability purposes. The board will look into this concern and get back to Scott.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY
 1. Hostile property owner – plowing – The board discussed the issue with Brian and Richard.
 2. Plowing driveway at Library – Fire Lane – Brian has cleared this out with the backhoe. A short discussion about the Fire Access land to the River took place. Greg asked Brian to inquire at the next BFVFD meeting about this.

The Selectboard would like some signage put up on the Canaan/Stewartstown Bridge to direct snowmobile traffic to the left hand side of the bridge only to avoid the sharp turn by the Marc Dion property to the trail through the Meadow Lot.
 3. Plowing River Road on to East Street – The board discussed alternate ways to plow this street.
 4. Richard met with a salesperson from John Deere and will have some estimates for the next board meeting.
- VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

1. Application to USDA for Grant/Loan Grinder project – Noreen reported that the application to USDA for the Grinding Project down at the Treatment Plant has been submitted.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Greg stated that next year the Town will be able to apply for a Pesticides Grant which will be \$1000 more for the HHW Event. The application process is different than the regular HHW Grant Application.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Dispatch Amendment #02 – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board unanimously approved and signed the Amendment #02 renaming the Colebrook Regional Dispatch Center to Northern Borders Dispatch.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. STREET LIGHTING – The board will set up a meeting with Jonathan Thibeault after the first of the next year.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Do we want to meet on January 1st, 2018 or next evening, January 2, 2018? Board will meet on January 2, 2018 for their next meeting.
2. Report from Greg on Thursday's meetings – Greg gave a summary of the meeting he attended in Montpelier for Vermont Businesses.
3. Library minutes – After reviewing the email from Garrett Baxter from VLCT it was clear to the board that if the Library has their own website that they are obligated to post their meeting minutes on their own website. The town has a link on our website to theirs which should suffice.
4. New Sick Leave Policy – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the Selectboard unanimously approved the additional wording regarding Sick Leave to the Personnel Policy.
5. Noreen stated that there will be one more pay period for 2017 and requested that the board sign the next warrant on Friday, December 29th, 2017 so this will be included in the 2017 year.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No action

In: Motion:	Second:	Action:	Time:
Out: Motion:	Second:	Action:	Time:

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$54,609.55

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven the December 18, 2017 Selectboard meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.