

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

July 30, 2018

- I. OPEN MEETING – The July 30, 2018 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Gregory Noyes at 5:58PM. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Richard Thibeault, Noreen Labrecque. General Public: Marc Marchesseault, Scott Nichols, Danielle Nichols, Raymonde Gregoire, Fernand Gregoire, Melody Houle, Roger Laflamme, Larry Mickelboro, Robert Kimball, Richard Norris, Yvan Belleville, Roger Wells, Dennis Fuller.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to approve the July 16, 2018 Selectboard meeting minutes as written.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – LED Lighting, Junk Yard notifications, Dispatch formula.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - see below
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
  1. Old County Road/Hudson Road – Robert Kimball – The residents and vacation property owners on Hudson Road were present to express their concerns about the condition of Hudson Road. It was stated that the road is in poor condition and in some places unpassable. They are concerned that should a building catch fire there is no way that a fire truck or emergency vehicle could travel on that road as it stands. There are three really bad spots where the vehicles having to go on the adjacent property in order to travel through. A big concern of the group was the ATV traffic. They are ruining the roadway with their big tires and speed. They don't abide by the speed limit signs that are posted. The group is very concerned that someone is going to get hurt, and that is another reason for emergency access. It was suggested that the Town and Property owners work together on a solution for this problem. The group would like to see the road upgraded due to the fact that there are year round residents up there now and they foresee the population on Hudson Road growing in the coming years. The Selectboard stated that there is no money in this year's budget to do any major repairs or upgrades to the road but they will agree to having cosmetic fixes this year. The Selectboard will compose a letter to the ATV Club about these concerns as well as the damages done on Judd Road and Fund Road.
  2. ATVs ON Fund Road – see above
  3. ATV's East Street – Roger Laflamme stated his concerns about the speed and actions of the ATV's on East Street. The Selectboard is working with the VT AOT to have the trail re-routed to come off the rail bed just above the village and along VT RTE 253 on to River Road. This will eliminate the ATV traffic on East Street.
  4. Canaan Hill washout – Richard and Greg observed a washout on Canaan Hill. Once they investigated it down the embankment they found that the brook is undermining the road. They will contact Patrick Ross to have him view the sight and give his recommendation on a fix. In the meantime Richard had the Cunningham's bring in some stone to fill the hole as a temporary fix. Richard feels this will be a major repair.

5. Cunningham Logging, LLC submitted an estimate on the new culvert job on Breault Road in the amount of \$10,518.00. Richard explained that does not include the price of the culvert which he estimates to be about \$5,000.00. The Better Road's Grant that the Town was awarded is in the amount or \$15,312.00 with a local match of \$3,828.00 for a total estimated project cost of \$19,140.00.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Approve and sign USDA Loan Resolution – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the USDA Loan Resolution was approved unanimously and signed by Chairman Gregory Noyes.
2. Tentative meeting w/Gary Leach – August 9<sup>th</sup> – The Selectboard will meet with Gary Leach on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:00PM to discuss the upcoming WWTF upgrades. The Stewarstown Board was also invited.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Commercial Trash Hauler – Gregory stated that another commercial Trash Hauler has been seen picking up trash in Canaan. This is against the Town's SWIP Plan and a letter will be sent to inform this party.
2. SWIP Grant – notice – No Action
3. The Selectboard met with two representatives from Hereford, PQ to discuss their food waste program. The board will be taking a tour of the Composting Facility in Coaticook, PQ. The possibility of having the Town of Canaan's food waste sent to this facility was discussed. The first order will be to see if it will be possible for pick-up and delivery across the US/Canadian Customs.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Lease Agreement - Noreen has contacted the Town Attorney Bill Davies about drawing up a Lease Agreement with the ENSU who occupy offices in the Town Office Building. She asked permission to go forward with this. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board approved to have Noreen continue with a Lease Agreement between the Town of Canaan and ENSU.
  - a. Going to need to upgrade the electric to take care of all equipment in Superintendent's office – circuit breakers are tripping. Noreen explained that the increase in equipment has caused the circuits to overload. They have changed the plug location of the copier and that seems to have taken care of the problem. An evaluation of the electrical load will need to be done due to increased equipment.
2. Invasive Species informational session – Jessica Colby – The Selectboard will have Jessica come to one of their meetings to discuss a public forum.
3. Tax Rate – Noreen explained that the State of Vermont Department of Taxes is holding the Current Use file due to one Property Owner who did not submit their re-application in time. The Grand List and Form 411 cannot be printed without this file so the Tax Rate cannot be calculated at this time. Once this file is returned the Selectboard will hold a Special Meeting to set the Tax Rates.
4. VT Community Leadership Summit - Frank will contact Jonah Cote about attending this Summit.

5. Plaque on Horse Trough in Fletcher Park – The Historical Society has agreed to pay for half of the cost of replacing the Plaque and installation. The total cost of this is \$700.00. They asked if the Town would pay for the other half. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board approved this request.
6. Report on School Recommendation – Frank reported to the board that the committee for School Recommendation is made up of 21 participants from the Towns of Canaan, Stewartstown, Pittsburg, Colebrook and Columbia. Carole Martin ( the individual that was hired to facilitate and coordinate the meetings) is very professional and knowledgeable. Frank feels that 90% of the people want a change.
7. Historical Society – Dennis Fuller- Dennis Fuller was in to ask if the Selectboard would agree to be the Fiscal Sponsor for a grant they are applying for with the Vermont Community Foundation. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board unanimously agreed to have the town act as Fiscal Sponsor for this Grant.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. LED Lighting - Gregory will reach out to Vermont Efficiency as well as Jonathan Thibeault to find out any progress that has been made on this.
2. The board inquired if there was any word from VLCT about the Blighted Properties Ordinance. Noreen has not heard anything yet.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Junk Yard letters need to go out to two property owners in town.
2. Haven distributed and reviewed his formula for funding the Northern Borders Dispatch Center which he will present at the monthly Dispatch Meeting on August 9, 2018 at 5:30PM.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – no action

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

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$26,482.65

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – Chairman Gregory Noyes adjourned the July 30, 2018 Selectboard Meeting at 8:15PM.