

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 28, 2020

- I. OPEN MEETING – The December 28, 2020 Selectboard meeting was opened by Haven Haynes, Jr. (Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. had not joined the meeting yet via zoom) at 5:59PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Jeff Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr. via zoom and one member of the public, Al Buckley.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Gregory and seconded by Haven the December 14, 2020 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
At this time Frank Sawicki, Jr joined the meeting via Zoom.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – no action
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – none
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Hudson Road – Via Zoom, Scott Nichols was present to inquire about what solution the board may have for the condition of Hudson Road. He would like to see the board close the road to general traffic and limit it to just residents on that road until the mud has frozen. As it is now, the traffic is creating ruts so once it freezes and snows it will become very hard to plow.
Frank answered that the board had discussed the situation and has come up with three options. One is to have the residents petition the town to change Hudson Road to a Class 3 road, which would mean the residents would be responsible to bring it up to Class 3 standards. Mr. Nichols stated that was not feasible since the cost would be more than they could manage. The second option which the board has will need to be discussed with the town attorney before they can discuss and the third is to just leave it as is. Richard added that all the gravel roads are in a rutted state right now because of the weather, even the Class 3 roads.
The Selectboard did agree to have Richard put up barricades with a “Road Closed” sign until it freezes. This will need to be done at both ends of Hudson Road.
 2. The Selectboard reviewed the new Truck prices at their budget meeting earlier in the day and agreed to have Richard order the truck from North Country Ford and have the Plow/Sander and accessories ordered from HP Fairfield. They will add these costs to the 2021 annual budget.
- VI. Police report: Jeff Noyes was in and reported that all has been calm. He has no additional information on the cell phone situation . No information for the board with regards to the

old cruiser. Selectman Haven Haynes, Jr. reported on an individual who was doing donuts on East Street and the Ethan Allen Parking lot. Jeff will investigate it. Jeff has the shelter for the cruiser but has not installed yet.

VII. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Ramp still not done – April reported that the ramp is slated to be completed this Wednesday. Paul Crane had the excavator delivered already.
2. The State of Vermont Wastewater Div. has reversed their approval on the changes she submitted to them with the muffin monster piping in the headworks building. This was after she had ordered all the parts which have been delivered. She is planning a meeting with the State people after the holidays to discuss the proposal and would like the Selectboard to be present to show support.
3. April had concerns about unused Personal Days from 2020. The board agreed to allow her to use these hours for her time off for December 28th and December 29th.

VIII. SOLID WASTE –

1. SWIP HHW Grant Application -review- no action
2. The board instructed Noreen to bill Lemington for the HHW Event same as last year.
3. Board received a letter from Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District informing them that the tonnage costs for trash will increase \$5.50 from \$57.00 per ton to \$62.50/ton. The board will adjust that line item in the 2021 budget to reflect that increase.

IX. NEW BUSINESS –

1. 45 Parallel Agreement – 2021 – \$60,905 for year 2021. Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr will sign the agreement once he is able.
2. Take Home Vehicle Policy – need to approve and Implement – no action
3. Addition to “Vacation” portion of Personnel Policy – review – The board will review Personnel Policies on January 7th, 2021 at 1:00PM.

X. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Moving Anchor – The board will set up a meeting with the Historical Society to get their input on this idea.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Review and discuss personnel Policy – see above.

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$102,773.33 – approved and executed.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – The December 28, 2020 Selectboard meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. at 7:06PM.