

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

August 13, 2018

- I. OPEN MEETING – The August 13, 2018 Selectboard meeting was opened at 5:55PM by Chairman Gregory Noyes. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Jeffrey Noyes and Yvan Belleville.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the July 30, 2018 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA –
  1. Invasive Plants – The board will meet with Jessica Colby at some point
  2. Greg received a report that the resident at 355 Gale Street was not paying for items disposed of in the C&D container. A letter will go out to this person with a copy of the Canaan Transfer Station Fees.
  3. Solid Waste recycling quarterly meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM– Marc should attend.
  4. Two residents in the town are using an outside trash collector to pick up their trash. This is against our Town policy and SWIP Plan. A letter and copy of the ordinance will be sent to these individuals.
  5. Gregory is still working with the Canadian Customs about the Food Waste Collection.
  6. There is a Health Officer Webinar on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12-1 PM that board members will attend at the Learning Center.
  7. There is a problem on Rouleau Road with a plugged sewer line. April and crew are working to resolve this issue.
  8. Greg will set up a meeting with the Lemington Selectboard with regards to their portion of Hudson Road.
  9. There is a training in Lyndonville, VT for E-Cycles/Batteries.
  10. Gregory will contact VT AOT about reducing the speed limit in the village of Beecher Falls since the NH Bridge will be opening up soon.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
  1. Jeff Noyes (Police Chief) was in to inform the board of some repairs to the police cruiser. He thought the total for the repairs would be around \$1500.00. He stated that the board should probably be considering a new cruiser since this one is 5 years old and 90,000+ miles on it. The board discussed the possibility of acquiring USDA grant funding for this purchase. Jeff also stated that a town cruiser is also eligible for purchases under the state contract which is a savings as well.

2. Yvan Belleville was in to ask the Board's permission to have Laurent Rancourt come in with his hammer to take down some of the ledge on Judd Road. He would like Richard to be present to help with this project. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to approve this request. The board approved unanimously.
3. Yvan will be sending an invoice for the trees he cleared behind the residence in Ethan Allen Park on land that belongs to the Town.
4. Kathy Spitzner was in to discuss the erosion problem at her residents. The Selectboard will determine how much of that portion of eroding river bank is along Rouleau Road which is town property. They will contact Patrick Ross once this is determined.

#### V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –

1. Work done on Hudson Road – Richard and Brian went up on Hudson Road and did grading and ditching to improve the condition somewhat.
2. Richard reported the David White has begun some of the roadside mowing.
3. The widening of the intersection of Breault Road and Jackson Lodge Road project is scheduled for this week. The US Border Station will pay for the culvert needed and gravel from Laurent Rancourt. Richard will do grading and backhoe work that needs to be done.
4. Richard is still waiting for the culvert for Breault Road.
5. Winter Sand Bids need to be advertised.
6. Fairfield is ready to do the work on the new truck – Richard and Brian will bring it over to them this week.
7. Patrick Ross will extend the permit we received last year in order to fix the wash out on Canaan Hill. Since there is no money in the budget for this year Richard will do a patch job and address it next year.
8. Noreen reported to the board that the fuel portion of the budget is already used up. She will create a spreadsheet for the next board meeting to compare last year's expense to this year.
9. Pilot Grant – NVDA – need project by fall

#### VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Notification from USDA – The Town of Canaan has been approved for funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. Grant amount of \$172,000 and loan amount of \$208,000.
2. Request for the Boutin's - The board discussed this request and concluded that the building still has apts. in it and so they have that reserved capacity .

#### VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. The board would like to have the Transfer Station weed wacked.
2. A report of an individual cutting wires at the Transfer Station – letter to be sent .
3. Gregory checked on the metals container in Stewartstown.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Community Forest – cars driving up and spinning around – meet with Forest Committee with this issue.
2. VT Electric Memorandum – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Efficiency Vermont and the Town of Canaan.
3. Contract with NEKTI – Board will hold off on signing until Greg talks to Steve.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Hazardous waste in Beecher Falls Building –no action at this time

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Approve Use of Fletcher Park Application – motion was made by Haven and seconded by Greg. This was approved. (note: Frank recused himself from this vote as his name is on the application)
2. Railing on both ramps - The board discussed options. Greg will check on this.
3. Haven had additions for the ATV ordinance. This will be reviewed at another meeting.
4. A short discussion on the Dispatch meeting and the new formula.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – no action

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

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$62,111.22

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven, Chairman Gregory Noyes adjourned the August 13, 2018 Selectboard meeting at 8:00PM.