

SELECTBOARD MEETING

AGENDA

July 1, 2019

- I. OPEN MEETING – The July 1, 2019 Selectboard meeting was opened at 6:00PM by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Norman Francis, Al Buckley, Ellie Pond.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Frank and seconded by Greg the June 18, 2019 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Cemetery committee, State Fire Marshall visit.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
 1. Norman Francis was in to discuss the Fire Marshall visit to his property that day. He stated that he has tried to do his best with the property but his health is declining and he is unable to find anyone to work on it. He added that he will eventually need a ramp to the front door because of his back. He stated that he would appreciate some help from the town. The Selectboard stated that the Fire Marshall will be writing up a report on his findings and will give some suggestions on solutions. The board also mentioned that the ADA has funding for things like ramps. Norman stated that he started to fill out the applications from Rural Edge he found it was for a loan and that is not what he is looking for.
 2. Al Buckley was in to inform the Selectboard that he is willing to serve on the Cemetery Committee as mentioned in the quarterly Newsletter. The board will let the other committee members know of his interest and have one of them go talk to him about what it entails.
 3. Ellie Pond was in to express her concerns with the traffic on Gale Street. She is afraid with all the small children who have recently moved on the street the something bad is going to happen. She requested that there be more police presence on Gale Street to hopefully discourage the speeding and reckless behaviors.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Review Budget and discuss graveling projects - Richard asked for quotes from Gray's Paving and Central Paving for Hall Stream Road. To date they received the quote from Gray's Paving. The board reviewed the quote and the budget figures. If they do the paving then they will need to forfeit any graveling projects this year. Richard stated that the graveling project he proposed on Todd Hill this year could probably wait another year. The last time Hall Stream Road was paved was 1998 and with the water

line projects and increased traffic it has taken a toll on that road. On a motion by Frank and seconded by Haven the majority of the board approved the paving on Hall Stream Road. Note: Gregory recused himself from this vote as he is a resident on this road.

2. People still using Hudson Road even though Dead End signs are up – The Selectboard and Richard felt that the signs are sufficient protection for the Town of Canaan.
3. Town Road and Bridge Standards – signature and complete document – Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Frank to adopt the Town Road and Bridge Standards. Document was signed by all board members.
4. July 8 – 8:00AM meet with Eric Pope at Town Office – erosion problems – Frank, Haven and Richard will meet with Eric Pope.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Report from Tata and Howard – No report for meeting. Selectboard advised no payment sent until update on project is received. Note: Noreen received an email from Tata and Howard the next day. Payment was sent.
2. Noreen stated that April Busfield (Wastewater Treatment Operator) would like to have two manholes replaced on River Road if the board approved the paving project. She will have prices for them for their next meeting.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Portable Toilet Purchase - The Selectboard approved the purchase of a Portable Toilet for the Transfer Station. We are currently renting from CDS Portables at a price of \$110.00/month and the cost of a Portable Toilet is between \$600 and \$700.
2. Gregory stated that something needs to be done about people visiting down at the Transfer Station and holding up the line for others.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Community Forest – Attorney response. – The board will draft a letter.
2. New Computers/Backblaze – connect to the cloud for backups – The computers in the Town Office are beginning to act up. They are five years old and it has become imperative that the Town have reliable computers as all State communications and reports are now done via internet and all the programming for the Grand List and accounting are on these computers. A quote of \$1138.92 was given to the board for the two computers. On a motion by Greg and seconded by Haven the Selectboard unanimously approve the purchase. Frank recommended that they consider an in-house internet service at budget time for next year.
3. ATV Club – State AOT not informed of routes in B. Falls – no action
4. Light Pole in EA Park – Gregory had Howard Reid change the bulb but he found that it wasn't the bulb at all. Apparently the wires at the bottom of the pole have been severed. An electrician will need to be consulted on this.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Rouleau Road & River road erosion problem – See above
2. Ordinance – Dangerous Buildings and Grounds Ordinance – The Selectboard completed the third step in the process by approving the minutes to the meeting on June 18, 2019 where the board approved the ordinance.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Dana Norberg presented a bill to the Town for the installation of the plaque on the horse trough in Fletcher Park which the Selectboard approved payment of on a motion by Gregory and seconded by Frank.
2. Gregory stated that he thought someone should inspect the trees in Fletcher Park and make recommendations to the board. Frank said he would ask Dana Mason if he knows any arborists in the area.
3. Noreen presented a comparable spreadsheet for the electrical use of the Town Office from last year to this year. It showed a significant increase in usage since the ENSU office has expanded their office space to include to the office downstairs. The board instructed Noreen to bill ENSU for the extra usage.
4. The board received three documents from the Northern Borders Dispatch Center for execution. After reviewing the documents the Selectboard approved and signed the documents on a motion by Gregory and seconded by Frank. A letter from the Unified Towns and Gores was received stating that they will be holding a meeting on July 8th at 6:00PM to discuss alternative dispatch services. The board members will plan to attend this meeting.
5. The board will follow up on the Junkie Yard letter that was sent out to the property owner at 72 River Road in May. No word from the property owner has been received to date.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT \$ 33,436.69

- XII. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to adjourn the July 1, 2019 Selectboard meeting. Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:17PM.