

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

February 27, 2017

- I. OPEN MEETING – The February 27, 2017 opened at 5:55PM. Those present: Vernon Crawford, Gregory Noyes, Haven Haynes, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Paul Kuhn, Frank Sawicki, Jr.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Gregory the February 13, 2017 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA - NONE
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
  1. Paul Kuhn –Jackson Lodge Road – Paul explained to the board the need for installing the camera at the location on Jackson Lodge Road and that there are trees that will need to be removed in order for the camera to work properly and capture all sites needed. The Board explained that the town ROW is 25 feet from the center of the road so any tree removal beyond that would have to have the permission of the land owner. The Board had no problem with tree removal within the Town ROW. Mr. Kuhn will speak to the land owner and they (US Border Patrol Agency) will take care of hiring the contractor to remove the trees and all associated costs.  
Noreen inquired if the US Border Station could be deemed a shelter site for our Local Emergency Operations Plan. Paul answered that they are set up for emergency situation with cots and blankets and such already. Once Noreen gets ready to update the Local Emergency Operations Plan she will call him for info needed to add this site to the Plan.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY
  1. Better Back Roads Grant – are we utilizing this year? Richard and Haven will work on the Planning Grant on Wednesday. Vern suggested that Richard have the State come over and take a look at the Hall Stream Bridge to see if there is anything that can be done with Grant funds to improve the ingress and egress sections of the bridge. Vern suggested the ditches on Todd Hill be stone lined. Richard did not think there was any need for road repair work with the Grant this year.
  2. Richard reported on the busy week of plowing. He also reported that the 2011 truck has transmission trouble so he contacted Burt’s Service and Welding out of Lancaster who suggested they check the transmission oil. Richard and Brian found it was in fact low on oil and it seems to be running fine since the oil was added. Vern suggested that Richard take it to DTM to see if he can locate where it may be leaking. It was also suggested that the fluids be check on a regular basis for all equipment.

3. Richard asked if he should order the stinger teeth for the grader. The board agreed he should order after Town Meeting. Richard will have Ian Fissette come in to remove the old ones.

#### VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN

1. Flow meter install - Noreen had no report from April on this yet.

#### VII. SOLID WASTE

1. Set up Committee for Act 148 – Gregory will inquire at Town Meeting of any interest in joining this committee. Gregory, Vernon and Frank Sawicki have stated they would be willing.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. St Patrick's Day Parade – Rob Kimball – Board approved the parade route and Noreen will inform Jeff of the date.
2. Health Officer Report – Haven gave a report on the recent activity he has had to report on.
3. TOECs – would anyone like to attend – Diana and I will be going – May - Gregory would also like to attend.....Noreen will wait until after Town Meeting to see if the newly elected Selectboard member would be interested in attending as well.
4. Rail on Superintendent side got hit is all bent – Info only
5. Vermont Assoc. of Business, Industry and Rehabilitation – Board not interested at this time.

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Trach Zscha – VT Land Trust – Bill Johnson Land – Gregory will set up a time for this.
2. Village lighting inventory – Gregory had a checklist of steps needed to be completed in order to get started with the process of evaluating our street light replacements. The first step is to get an inventory of all lights and make a list of the ones the board feels are not needed. Gregory will set up a time after Town Meeting to complete the inventory portion of the tasks. Gregory also inquired if the board would want to set up an Energy Committee. No decision on this.

#### X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Meetings Greg would like to attend – see above
2. Alan Coats (Stewartstown Selectboard and Chair for Colebrook Regional Dispatch Committee) called to ask the board to approve supporting Amendment 2 of the Bi-laws and have this become effective at the March 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. After a short discussion Gregory made the motion to approve supporting the amendment to become effective at the March 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by Haven and approved by the board unanimously.
3. The board will meet on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00PM to review the Town Report for the March 6<sup>th</sup> Town meeting.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – no action

In: Motion:

Second:

Action:

Time:

Out: Motion:

Second:

Action:

Time

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$ 39,848.29 – Board signed and approved.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven the February 27, 2017 Selectboard meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.