

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 25, 2019

- I. OPEN MEETING – The March 25, 2019 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. at 6:00PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault and Dick Baribeau.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Gregory and seconded by Frank the March 11, 2019 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -

1. American Legion request for Moose Festival -
Dick Baribeau was in to give the Selectboard an update on the upcoming projects for the American Legion Post 47. He stated that the Legion has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from Home Depot for improvements to their building. Their plans are to replace the flooring, roof, fencing and if the money allows replace windows. They are also looking into acquiring a Huey Helicopter as a permanent display. The board advised that they will need a zoning permit for that. Dick Baribeau then informed the board they are planning on getting a Black Hawk Helicopter for display the weekend of the Moose Festival. The Legion was thinking of the Meadow Lot mainly because they are not allowed to charge admission and the Moose Festival has an admission to enter. The Selectboard had no problem with that request. Mr. Baribeau stated that he will keep the board informed of the plans once they have more details.
Haven requested that the Legion inform the board of the Memorial Day Parade – time and parade route so we can get proper traffic control.

V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –

1. Joe Daley – 5 year contract – Todd Hill – Noreen explained that Joe's 5 year contract is up this year. Joe stated that he is still willing to continue plowing Todd Hill but was not sure how many more years he will be doing it. The Selectboard was ok with hiring on a yearly basis if that is what he wants. Richard will contact Joe to ask if he could come to the next board meeting on April 8th.
2. Highway charges for equipment – need to update – The board reviewed the charges from other contractor's in the area to come up with a new Highway Equipment use rate. (See attached rate schedule). The town does not hire out any longer to avoid competing with local contractors but this schedule was developed mainly because our crew and equipment were called on last week to take care of an emergency water hydrant break in West Stewartstown. See attached report from Operator April Busfield.

3. Highway spring – Richard said that he will be posting the spring ban on the roads soon. He is concentrating on Hall Stream, River Road and Canaan Hill. The Selectboard also approved having the signage put on Hudson Road again this year preventing all traffic except residents on that road.

4. Richard gave the board a report on the recent snow storm. He stated that he had to hire Cunningham's to open up Cook Street because the snow had drifted enough that none of the town equipment was able to open it up.

Richard, Gregory and Haven will attend the Bridge workshop in Derby on April 9th.

Richard will get a price from David White for street sweeping for the next board meeting.

Richard stated that he had to purchase 5 loads of winter sand from Clark Jeffers to get us through this season.

The International Truck will need repairs on the power steering once the winter season is over. Richard is still able to use the truck, it is just hard to steer. The backhoe needs some warranty work done on it before it expires and has been assured by the Sales Rep. that this work can be done the next time one of their mechanics is in the area, even if it is beyond the warrant deadline since Richard made them aware before the warranty expires. This will avoid the mileage charges that could amount to \$1700.00.

5. Richard again stated that something needs to be done about those individuals parking on the streets and roadways during the winter months, making it very hard to plow. The board will talk to Jeff about ticketing these offenders.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Operator Certification Class - April has signed Brian up for this class. See attached update.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Gregory reported that the town can get a container from NRRRA for \$3315.00 including delivery. This purchase has been included in the 2019 budget.

2. Gregory informed the board that there is a Workshop in Lyndonville on Organics Management on April 10th. Gregory will be attending this workshop.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Sensor for downstairs office. Discuss Lease for Superintendent's Office space. The Selectboard would like Noreen to contact Atty. Bill Davies about creating a Lease Agreement.

2. Speeding on RTE 114 – Lake Wallace – Gregory stated this was a concern brought up at the Zoning Hearing for the proposed RV Park. Gregory agreed that 40 MPH is too fast through that section of highway by Lake Wallis. He will check with the State about getting that lowered.

3. Dispatch meeting – Haven reported on this month's Dispatch meeting.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Reminder – Economic Devel. Conference in Burke, VT – March 27th – info only

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Invitation to Chamber of Commerce Dinner – Not interested
2. Report on Forest Committee Meeting – Noreen updated the Selectboard on the progress regarding the alternate access road to the Community Forest.
3. Office closed on April 4th for TOEC workshop in Fairlee – Info only
4. New copier to be delivered this week – Info only
The quarterly Newsletter will be going out this week if all articles are received.
5. Board approved the cost of the ad in the Moosely Information book for the Town.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$42,501.33

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Gregory, Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the March 25, 2019 Selectboard meeting at 7:38 PM.