

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 16, 2019

- I. OPEN MEETING – The December 16, 2019 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. at 6:02 PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Frank Sawicki, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Noreen Labrecque and Richard Thibeault. Members of the public: Gary Leach and Jonah Cote.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Gregory to approve the December 2, 2019 and the continuation meeting on December 9, 2019. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the board.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Brookfield Services contract.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - No action
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Fletcher Park – tree limb hanging over hydrant needs to be removed – Richard took care of this today.
 2. Ice rink – request for – There has been no interest for the past few years that the ice rink had been erected. No one stepped up to keep it maintained. There is an ice rink at the Colebrook Rec Center, and they have skates to rent. Jonah Cote stated that the youth are not interested in skating anymore.
 3. Richard had quotes from three vendors for trucks for the board to review.
HP Fairfield quote for equipment to outfit truck - \$44,250.00
St Jay Auto – Dodge Ram 2020 truck (Chasse and cab) - \$45,965.00
North Country Ford- 2020 F550 (Chasse and cab) - \$49,719.00
Clark’s Trucking – 2020 International - \$113,000 complete
Clark’s Trucking also supplied Richard with 6 different payment options.
The repairs on the Town’s International Truck total more than \$28,000 since it was purchased in 2015.
- VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –
 1. Hall Stream Pump Station – April sent a written report on the WWTF. The Hall Stream Pump Station has had to have the pumps pulled every week, sometimes twice a week due to the “rag” problem. April stated the main culprit are the “flushable wipes” which are not flushable. The board would like to add a notice in the newsletter with the actual costs to the users for this extra work.

2. The Storage Shed for the Treatment Plant has been pushed out to December 28th. April informed the company that if they don't deliver to just cancel the order and the Town will want a reimbursement.
3. The blades for the new pumps have been ordered and Chris Hebert stated they should have been delivered last week.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. JK Lynch – C&D – Monday – Need to come up with a plan with Richard to have container crushed prior to Lynch picking up. Marc needs to contact Richard when container needs compacting.
2. 2019 Vermont Materials Management Plan – Board will review and include all that needs to go in the Town of Canaan SWIP for July 1, 2020.
3. Gregory would like to set up a time for the board members to visit the MT Carberry Landfill in Berlin, NH. -

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Essex County Letter – Frank and Gregory will attend the preliminary proposed budget meeting on December 27, 2019 at 9:00AM at the Essex County Courthouse.
2. ATV Ordinance – request for change – Noreen reported that a resident on Holmes Street would like that street added to the ATV Ordinance. The board reviewed the ordinance and feel that it is not necessary to change the ordinance since this issue is addressed in Section 102 (1) of the ordinance.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – The board will work on the Personnel Policy January 20th, 2020 and meet with employees sometime after to discuss the changes. The board also discussed the purchase of a town cell phone to be used for the 'call-out' system at the Treatment Plant.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. The board had a short discussion about the recent Dispatch meeting.
2. The board reviewed and executed the 2020 maintenance contract with Brookfield Services, Inc. on a motion by Gregory and seconded by Frank.
3. The board discussed the recent Zoning Board meeting. They will try to have at least one member of the Selectboard attend these meetings.
4. The Selectboard members attended a workshop in Montpelier with regards to Ordinances. They found that enforcement of ordinances seems to be a problem statewide and were able to obtain some good information on the subject.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$114,051.24

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Frank and seconded by Gregory, Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the December 16, 2019 Selectboard meeting at 8:00PM.