

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 8, 2019

- I. OPEN MEETING – The April 8, 2019 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. at 5:55PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Richard Thibeault, Noreen Labrecque, Jeff Noyes, David Santamaria, Allyson Howell.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Frank and seconded by Greg the March 25, 2019 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
 1. Ally Howell – Substance Abuse – Allyson Howell was in to talk to the Selectboard about the problems associated with vaping and E-Cigarettes. She had several vaping items used by the general public to show the board. There will be a Community Discussion to learn about current trends in VT among youths and what communities can do. Frank will work with Allyson on the Town's current Smoking policy to include vaping and E-Cigarettes.
 2. David Santamaria was in to inform the Selectboard of the recent formation of the NEK Country Riders ATV Club. Their main objective is to keep the Commerce Trail open from the Bridge to Cunningham's for the businesses in Town. (See attached info). Chief Jeff Noyes stated that he would like to see the Club use distinctive signage for ATV's from the Snowmobile Club's. It was decided that the ATV trails would be open the Saturday before Memorial Day and close Columbus Day weekend. The Club board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00PM and David stated that they would like to have the Selectboard attend any of the meetings. The board was satisfied and impressed with the organization of the club to date. On a motion by Frank and seconded by Gregory the Selectboard approved the NEK Country Riders ATV-UTV Club. Jeff recommended the Selectboard write a letter requesting the use of State Highway 114 from the NH Bridge to VT RT 102 intersection and from intersection of 102 and 114 to wherever the trail will begin and also on VT RTE 253 in Beecher Falls to River Road.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Plowing – Community Forest – Richard stated that during some snow storms it has been very hard to get up to the Town Forest with Town Equipment. This will need to be looked at for next year.
 - a. Sweeping bids – Town proposals were submitted to the board for Street Sweeping. One from David White and the other from Bill Rioux (Northern Style Walks). Richard stated that he did speak to Bill with regards to which streets

will need attending to and inquired about his equipment. Bill stated that he has never done actual streets and this would be his first attempt. Although Bills proposal was slightly lower the Selectboard opted to stay with David White for this year. On a motion by Gregory and seconded by Frank the board approved David White for the Street Sweeping for 2019 at \$1500.00.

2. Joe Daley – plowing – Richard spoke to Joe and Joe stated he is still interested in plowing Todd Hill. Joe has not had time to put a proposal together for the board but will meet with them once he has one.
3. Bridge workshop – Tues. April 9th – Gregory and Haven will attend this. In light of the weather, Richard will not be able to attend.
4. Parking – River Road – Richard and the board discussed this problem. Jeff will look into this and the board will review the ordinance once again.
5. Hudson Road – no travel sign – Noreen received a report that an individual was using his truck on Hudson Road and tearing it up. The year round residents have been using their ATV's and parking their regular vehicles off Todd Hill to prevent the road from being destroyed this spring. Jeff stated that he will talk to the individual about not using his truck until the road has dried out enough for regular traffic. Jeff recommended that the board install a true gate across the road with a lock on it to prevent traffic.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Reminder – Joint Commissioner meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:30PM
2. Noreen presented the board with the Notice to Proceed for the FY18 Influent Grinder and Pump Station Improvement project from Tata and Howard. The board reviewed. On a motion by Greg and seconded by Frank the board approved signing the Notice to Proceed once the Notice has all information completed and they receive concurrence from Jonathan Harries from USDA.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Gregory distributed copies of the 2019 Draft Materials Management Plan for the board members to review. The board will meet on April 15th at 4:30PM to discuss the Plan and gather any questions for the Conference Call on April 18th at 10:00AM. All comments will need to be sent to Mia by April 26th.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Liquor license – R. Kimball & D. Santamaria – On a motion by Greg and seconded by Frank the board approved and signed the liquor licenses for Wayne's Lanes and Joe's Grill and Time Out Tavern.
2. Speed limit ordinance change – Noreen presented the board with the changes the State of Vermont encouraged the Selectboard to make. (See the attached changes). On a motion by Greg and seconded by Frank the board adopted the

Regulatory Changes on State Highway VT Route 253, VT Route 114 and VT Route 102.

3. Appoint auditor- Ursula Johnson – The Selectboard appointed Ursula Johnson to serve as Auditor for the Town of Canaan until the next regular Town Meeting Vote in March 2020.
4. Report on Rural Edge Meeting – Gregory gave a brief summary on the meeting with Rural Edge. Noreen shared some information from the Town Officers Conference that she and Diana attended last week.
5. Town Office Rental space – Karen Conroy (School Superintendent) and Dan Wade (School Board Chair) were in to discuss the office space. Karen stated that she did not think it would be necessary to have a lease agreement written up. She understood that there is a problem with storage that needs to be addressed. She stated that they are satisfied with the downstairs office. The board had concerns about a place to go for private sessions and Karen stated that if the downstairs needs to be used for that purpose that the girls do have laptops that are mobile and they can be displaced for the time needed. Karen stated that Bridget had purchased a small sensor to alert them of anyone coming downstairs and would like to install in the stairwell. The board was in agreement with this. Karen and Dan also gave the board a report on the accident that took place on the Town Forest involving a student last week. Noreen requested a report from them to be given to the Town's insurance company.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – Jeff stated that the Town Cruiser will need some costly repairs. The board has allocated \$4,000 for repairs this year in the budget and Jeff thought that should cover the costs.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Noreen received a notification from the Housing Program Coordinator of Intent to Sell the Canaan Mobile Home Park.
2. Noreen presented the Selectboard a breakdown of how she recommended distributing the IRS Penalty for late filing. Selectboard approved.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$86,668.46

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Frank, seconded by Greg, Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the April 8, 2019 Selectboard meeting at 8:08PM.