

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 18, 2022

- I. OPEN MEETING – The April 18, 2022, Selectboard Meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. at 6:01PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Alfred Buckley, Mark Bullard, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Trevor Colby, and State Senator Russ Ingalls.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Al to approve the April 4, 2022, Selectboard meeting minutes. Motion carried in the affirmative.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Cemetery Deed
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
 1. State Senator Russ Ingalls – Senator Ingalls was in at the request of the Selectboard to discuss some of topics of concern within the State. The discussion included the housing shortage in the State, speed signs for the Town, blinking light for school zone, problem with the shortage of law enforcement in the entire State. Mr. Ingalls stated that the Legislature in Vermont needs more of a balance between the Parties. Senator Ingalls told the Board that if they are having any trouble with the State not returning the town's calls or if board is not satisfied with any issues, he would be very happy to help in any way he can.
 2. Trevor Colby – Trevor Colby was in to discuss the purchase of the Ford Cruiser from the Town of Canaan. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mark and seconded by Al to sell the Cruiser and its contents to the Essex County Sheriff's Department for a total of \$25,000.00. The Selectboard then inquired about the rifle that was returned. Trevor said he asked Jeff about it and that rifle does belong to the Town of Canaan. The Selectboard stated that they have no use for that rifle and would rather not have it in the town's possession and asked if the Sheriff's Department could use it. Trevor stated he does not use that type of gun but would take it off the town's hands if they would like. An amendment to the original motion for the purchase of the vehicle to include the rifle was made by Mark and seconded by Al. The amended motion carried in the affirmative by all.

Trevor reported that his deputies have begun coverage in Canaan. Haven Haynes mentioned he spoke to one over the weekend. The Selectboard would like to see coverage on Fridays and Saturdays since that is the more active time in Canaan for possible offenders leaving the local bars and with the Canadian border opening the amount of traffic will be increasing.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY

1. Bridge Project Sample Bid Docs. – The Selectboard worked on the Advertisement for Bid and Invitation for Bid documents for the Hall Stream Bridge Project. Noreen will send the Ad to several newspapers.
2. Mowing estimate – Selectboard examined the Estimate submitted by David White for roadside mowing. On a motion by Mark and seconded by Al the board unanimously approved the \$80/hour for the roadside mowing for 2022.
3. Richard reported that the street sweeping has been completed.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

April sent word to the Selectboard of what evidence she found with regards to mandates for a second Operator for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. HHW Event – May 6th & 7th - Haven will contact Brian about covering this event.
2. Haven stated that he thought the Composter was thawed enough to open the Food Scrap collection again.
3. No word from Stewartstown about the refrigerator collection.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. ARPA – Standard \$10,000,000 deduction? - Noreen stated that she read it is recommended that towns take the standard deduction for the ARPA funds. Haven, as the administrator for the funds, will try to get in the site and add Noreen as a second user so she can complete the reporting that is due April 30th, 2022.
2. Appointment for Lister position – On a motion by Mark and seconded by Al the Selectboard appointed Gordon Thomas Trammell to replace position vacated by Dennis Johnson earlier this month. Board unanimously approves the appointed and executed the appointment form.
3. Cemetery Deed – Motion was made by Al and seconded by Mark to approve the Cemetery deed to Robert McComiskey. Motion carried in the affirmative.
4. The Selectboard received the official letter of resignation from Jeffery Noyes and on a motion by Mark and seconded by Al the board unanimously accepted the resignation.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – no action

X. OTHER BUSINESS – no action

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$53,870.78. Selectboard reviewed and approved.

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Al and seconded by Mark, Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the April 18, 2022, Selectboard meeting at 7:35PM.