

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 27, 2018

- I. OPEN MEETING – The August 27, 2018 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Gregory Noyes at 5:57PM. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Robert Kimball, Mike Daley, Patrick Gorman, David White and Joe Daley, Town Listers, Diana Rancourt, Dennis Johnson and Richard Dennis.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the August 13, 2018 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA -
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
 1. Mike Daley and Patrick Gorman (Rep. Canaan Border Riders) were in to discuss the letter the club received from the Selectboard with regard to ATV's. They stated that the club can no longer afford the ATV portion and will be closing the trails permanently to ATV travel after the last day this season which is Columbus Day. Not only have the ATV's torn up some of the Town Roads their snowmobile trails have taken a beating as well. Unlike the snowmobile portion of the club that receives funds for trail maintenance from VAST, there is no funding for the ATV portion which has become an expense they can no longer absorb. The Selectboard expressed their disappointment but certainly understand the Club's decision.
 2. Lemington Board – Joe Daley and David White were in to discuss the Lemington portion of Hudson Road. Joe stated that Lemington's State Highway map does not even show that Lemington has that portion as "town road". He is not sure how to get that changed so that in itself is a concern for any maintenance. The Lemington board does not have any plans on maintenance for that section and they will have to weigh the pros and cons and justification for using tax dollars on that section. Historically, the large land owners who were logging that area had maintained it but that was a number of years ago and the road has just degraded over the years.
 3. Listers – reappraisal – The Canaan Listers were in to inform the Selectboard that the town's COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) is at 19.91% and the state will demand a reappraisal at 20% or higher. The Listers would like to be proactive and start the process of searching for an appraisal firm this fall and hopefully get some responses to their Request for Proposals and quotes before the Selectboard needs to decide on a budget for next year. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board unanimously approved the Lister's request for seeking out an appraisal firm and getting quotes for a Town wide reappraisal.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Breault Road- Richard reported that the widening of the intersection on Breault Rd and Jackson Lodge Road has been completed. The US Border Patrol paid for all materials and trucking since it was at their request this project is done.

2. The Selectboard discussed Jackson Lodge Road and the speeding that has been reported to them. They will have two 25MPH signs ordered and erected half way between the ingress and egress of that road.
3. The Selectboard received two winter sand bids. One from Dan Ouimette and the other from Clark Jeffers. Richard stated that Dan Ouimette invited Richard to examine the new material he had for winter sand. Richard said it looked fine but had concerns that it had not been used before and recommended to the board that he would rather another vendor try out the new material to see how it performs for a season before trying it himself. With that recommendation, motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to accept the bid from Clark Jeffers.
4. Richard reported that the Ford Truck is ready at Fairfields. He and Brian will pick up this week.
5. Richard will grade Canaan Hill this week.
6. Richard will be working with Heather on the culvert inventory tomorrow.
7. Cleaning sidewalks in Beecher Falls – grass growing in cracks of new sidewalk. Trim tree between Fauteux & Bessie's. Richard trimmed the tree back and used Round-Up on sidewalk. It was suggested that he weed- whack the sidewalks as well. The board also asked that the tree by Frank Doe property be trimmed back as well for a better line of sight at that intersection.
8. Replace sidewalk in front of Ounan property – Richard said that he and Brian could do this.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – No action

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Review Personnel Policy for part time employees – discussed in executive session
2. Quote for digester – Frank received quotes for the digester for food scraps. The quote received is \$39,000 plus \$600 shipping. The board definitely will be pursuing other options for disposal of food scraps.
3. Greg reminded all that the HHW Event is September 14th & 15th.
4. The box of paint is full and it will be picked up on Friday between 8-9AM

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. ATV Policy – The board will review the changes to the ATV Policy at their next meeting. In light of the news from the Border Riders Club the board will still impose a policy with changes in case another group plans on taking over the local ATV Club.
2. Class of 2020 – Homecoming event – letter – The Class of 2020 would like to organize a homecoming event on September 7, 2018 including a parade which will start at the Meadow Lot (where the floats will be assembled), travel down Gale Street, turn down Park Street to the entrance of B Field where it will end. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the Selectboard unanimously approved this event.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Rouleau Road – have Dana establish boundary – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board unanimously approved having Dana Masson (Land Vest) research and survey Rouleau Road.

2. Electrical in Superintendent's office. Board approved getting quotes for this.
3. Flashing light for School (State). No word from the State of Vermont on this request to VT AOT at their yearly meeting last spring. Greg will follow up on this with Eric Pope.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Local leadership – Frank will attend this with Jacob.
2. Noreen requested that the Selectboard approve waiving the "Late filer's penalty" for the 2018 Property Taxes. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to waive the 8% late filer's fee for the 2018 Tax Year. This motion was unanimously carried in the affirmative.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In: Motion: Haven Second: Frank Action: discuss personnel issues

Time: 7:52PM

Out: Motion: Haven Second: Frank Action: Board will review the Town's Personnel Policy and update as needed. Time: 8:00PM

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT \$ 53,250.93

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING: On a motion by Haven, Chairman Gregory Noyes adjourned the August 27, 2018 Selectboard meeting at 8:10PM.