

## **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 18, 2021**

- I. OPEN MEETING – Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr opened the October 18, 2021, Selectboard meeting at 5:55PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr, Alfred Buckley, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Jeff Noyes, and members of the public: Georgiana Carr, Diana Rancourt, Scott Leigh, Cornelia Leigh, Tony Wheeler and via telephone David Begin.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Alfred and seconded by Haven the October 4, 2021, Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – AOT Grant Agreement, Freon Removal.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
  1. Discuss benches in B Falls Park – The Selectboard heard from several residents of Beecher Falls who have been instrumental in improving the Beecher Falls Park. They presented the Selectboard with a proposed plan for the park for approval from the Selectboard. The Selectboard will take the plan under advisement. The Selectboard did inform the group that they will include adding electricity to the Beecher Falls Park in their 2022 Budget.
  2. Georgiana Carr asked the Selectboard if they would approve a Pumpkin Carving/decorating event in Fletcher Park on October 31<sup>st</sup> from dusk to 8:00PM. Georgiana assured the Board that clean up will take place after the event. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Al to approve the event. Motion carried in the affirmative.
  3. The Selectboard asked Chief Noyes if he was able to identify any of the teens who were attempting to destroy one of the picnic table shelters in the Rec Park last week. Jeff said he was unable to but did ask the school kids who were down there for soccer practice if they witnessed anything but was not able to get any information. The Selectboard has received word that the camera system that was in the Superintendent Building has been located. Jeff stated that it is an old system and the Selectboard should consider updating the system and moving it to a different location for better viewing of the Rec Park. The Selectboard will consult with the Rec Park Committee on this.
  4. The Selectboard asked Jeff if he has made any advances to the Junkie Yard situation. To date, the Selectboard has received one response letter from a violator.

## V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY -

1. Accept Dubois and King Proposal – Contact D&K to proceed with the next step. The Selectboard reviewed the Proposal. Richard Thibeault has consulted with Jason Sevigny from VT AOT and shared that information with the Selectboard. Motion was made by Al and seconded by Haven the Selectboard approved the following proposals:  
Guardrail and Approaches – The Selectboard chose #3 – Repave the Approaches and Replace the Failed Section of Existing Guardrail.  
Deck - #2 – Cut in drip edge and remove all spalled and deteriorated concrete  
T-Beams #2 – Patching Downstream T-Beam in Span 1 only  
Substructure #2 – Remove and replace all spalled concrete and place new concrete patch at right end of abutment #1 and a concrete jacket around both pier noses.  
Motion carried in the affirmative.  
This project will be funded by a 90/10 Grant from the State of Vermont.  
Noreen will inform Dubois and King of the Selectboard's decision.
2. Haven Haynes, Jr., Chairman signed the Grant #GA0048 Agreement for implementation of Best Management Practices in accordance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Roads General Permit. This is a \$6,700 grant with a 20% match from the Town.
3. Richard stated that he is getting ready for the winter season. He will do more graveling if weather permits. Richard stated that he drove across Hudson Road from Todd Hill to Clay Brook Road. The Lemington portion is the most difficult to navigate. He also drove across Canaan Hill Road (Class IV portion) to Averill and stated that the road is passable.
4. The posts have been installed on Hudson Road. The gates will be installed in the spring once the road becomes too muddy for regular traffic.
5. Al Buckley stated that something needs to be done at the Transfer Station where the water is running into the building because the road is higher than the slab in the building. Richard and the Selectboard discussed a paving project that was proposed a few years back that would entail re-sloping away from the building. The Selectboard asked Richard to get a new proposal from Gray's Paving to be considered for the 2022 budget. Richard will also get prices for a section of River Road.

## VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – no action

## VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. SWIP Plan – Will work on later.
2. HHW pick up – October 27<sup>th</sup> – Information only
3. The Selectboard will meet with Ron Crawford to devise a plan on removal of freon from refrigerated items. More info to follow.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS – No action

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Report from Junkie Yard – see above.
2. VLCT PACIF insurance audit – The Selectboard will prepare responses to the PACIF Risk Management Report prior to the due dates required.
3. Chimney has been fixed – Info only
4. On Call Policy – will set up a meeting with Fire District Boards to discuss.

X. OTHER BUSINESS – No action

XI. Executive Session – No action

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$1,680,310.00 approved and executed by the Selectboard. (Note: this warrant contains all property tax dollar distributions).

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion was made by Alfred Buckley to adjourn the October 18, 2021, Selectboard meeting. Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM.