

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 12, 2019

- I. OPEN MEETING – The August 12, 2019 Selectboard meeting was opened at 5:55PM by acting Chair. Gregory Noyes. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault. Members of the public: Corey Couture, Robert Couture, Daniel Wade, Norman Francis, Jonah Cote, Shelly Forkey, Jeremy Forkey, Michael Falconer, Amy Falconer, Claude Roy, Sylvie Roy, Martha Allen, Mason Smith, and Al Buckley.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Gregory to approve the July 29, 2019 Selectboard meeting minutes. Minutes were approved with no revisions.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA –
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mike and Amy Falconer were in to follow up with the Junkie Yard letter they received. The Board will meet with the Falconers at their property on August 14th at 5:00PM.

Dan Wade wished to discuss the recently approved Class 4 Road Policy. He asked what prompted this policy. He stated with the wording of the policy this will cause a huge cost burden on his family because the cost of insurance would run him between \$2,000-\$3,000 per year. In the winter time he keeps the end of Clay Brook Road cleared for the bus to turn around. In the past he has pushed snow banks back with his tractor/snow blower on other Class 4 Roads to help out those living on those sections of the road. He needs to keep a section of Hudson Road open in the winter time so he can access his sugar bush during sugaring season. He has cleared out ditches at times to keep water flowing in the spring time.

Bob Couture suggested that the Selectboard amend their policy to cater to those willing to help out the town.

Jeremy Forkey stated that the Selectboard could include a Hold Harmless section in the policy for those individuals helping the Class 4 road sections.

Richard Thibeault stated that without the help of Haze Smith, Jeremy Forkey and Dan Wade, he would not be able to plow Pollard Hill on the occasions he has in the past.

The Selectboard thanked all residents for their input and concerns and will take all suggestions under advisement and perhaps schedule another meeting once they have been able to research the problems.

The next issue of concern is the multi-post office box location on Canaan Hill. Post Mistress Michele Lassonde brought another MODE OF DELIVER AGREEMENT to the Town Office that afternoon for the Selectboard to sign at this meeting. The board reviewed and read to those present that the location on this form is “between 760 Canaan Hill Road and the turn

to Fund Road". It was noted by the residents that they were given another possible location by the Postal Dept. which is within the State Right of Way near the Stop sign at the intersection of Canaan Hill Road and VT RTE 102. The residents and the Selectboard agreed that the location at the intersection of Canaan Hill Road and VT RT 102 made most sense and convenience. Since there is a discrepancy in the information that was given to the residents and the Selectboard the board will not execute the Agreement at this time. Norman Francis was in to relay to the Selectboard of complaints he has been hearing regarding the Police Chief's lack of traffic ticket issuing. Norman stated that a police officer should not be judged by his issuance of traffic tickets so much as keeping compliance of the law within a community and he believes Canaan's Police chief does a good job with that. Johan Cote and Al Buckley were present to observe the meeting.

V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –

1. Dan Wade – Class 4 Policy – see above
2. Joe Daley – Contract for Todd Hill – Selectboard reviewed the contract and on a motion by Gregory and seconded by Frank both board members present signed the contract.
3. Winter Sand Bids – How much this year?? Richard stated he thought 1100 yards would take care of the winter sand this season. The ad will go in the paper for two weeks.
4. Forest access road – upper portion – The Selectboard would like to meet with the Forest Committee with regards to this on August 26th at 5:00PM.
5. Meeting with Frank – Culvert on River Road – Richard stated that he met with Frank Maloney to get his approval on using grant funds for the culvert located near 1991 River Road. Frank verbally approved this project and will send confirmation to the board.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. The board discussed the letter from Essex County Natural Conservation District with regards to eradicating the Japanese knotweed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The board would like to research this before they sign the agreement.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Complaint – transfer station – No action taken at this time
2. Purchase Porta Potty – Selectboard will research pricing and order
3. Container has been delivered – info

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Fire Dept. Parade – October 5, 2019 – celebrating 75th anniversary – Border Patrol Station to Stewartstown – Just trucks – Board will notify Jeff.
2. Municipal Budget workshop – Sept 18 in Montpelier – Gregory and Noreen would like to attend. Frank will check his schedule.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Reschedule Ride around – Wait for meeting with Haven to reschedule

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Frank reported that the street light in Fletcher Park needs to be replaced. Noreen will call VT Electric Coop this week.
2. Frank stated that Superintendent Karen Conroy would like the town to proceed with a lease agreement for their office space.
3. The board will review speed sign costs with Jeff as well as discuss the purchase of a new cruiser.
4. The board thanked Jonah Cote and Al Buckley for being present and taking an interest in town business.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$52,406.37

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Frank and seconded by Gregory the August 12, 2019 Selectboard meeting was adjourned by acting Chair. Gregory Noyes at 7:37 PM.