

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

August 14, 2017

- I. OPEN MEETING – The August 14, 2017 Selectboard meeting opened at 6:02PM. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr, Haven Haynes, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Olivia Harris.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the July 31, 2017 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Late Penalty Fee, VT Elect Coop, Newsletter.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
  1. Sylvain Marchand – Septic charge – No show, no action taken
  2. Olivia Harris was in to report to the board on the Coin Drop the Class of 2019 did Softball Weekend. She stated they raised \$420 and cut their time short because of weather. She requested repeating the event for the weekend of September 1<sup>st</sup> Lob Pitch Tournament. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board approved the request.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY
  1. Lemington Timber Development – no access permit on file – Richard explained to the board the problem with the access road to the Lemington Timber Development. There is no culvert at the bottom of the incline so it is creating a hazard. Gregory stated that the board should get together to review the access permit and policy. The board will meet on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00PM to do this.
  2. Highway access policy – See above
  3. Winter sand bid – The board approved advertising for 750 yds. of winter sand.
  4. Canaan Hill – River Road – Work has been completed by Clark Jeffers on both of these projects. Richard received two proposals for guardrails for River Road. One from Lafayette in the amount of \$6,863.20 for 129 LF of guardrail installed and the other from Vermont Recreational Surfacing & Fencing, Inc. in the amount of \$4,170.00 for 130 LF. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board voted to accept the proposal from Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing, Inc. do the job. Richard will contact them.
  5. The culvert replacement on River Road will take place in September. Dorman will do the dip on the Hall Stream Bridge and the Corriveau driveway at the same time.

6. Richard said that David White stated that the cost for roadside mowing will probably increase next year. It took him 65 hours to complete the mowing in Canaan this year which only works out to \$50.00/hr. for man and machine.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN

NO report

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Misc. list from Greg – See attached for items discussed.
2. Webinar Training – Greg and Frank will attend the Webinars on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Town Health Officer Mtg. – subject “hoarding” August 30<sup>th</sup>, - Haven and Greg will attend this on August 30<sup>th</sup>
2. VLCT PACIF – insurance audit of town buildings – Board will meet on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Town Office to review and come up with a timeline to address issues.
3. Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the 2017 Canaan Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was approved.
4. Report on Dispatch meeting – Haven gave a report on the meeting
5. Greg stated that VT Elect. Informed him that the Town will have to hire an electrician to do the electrical work for the Park in Beecher Falls. The board will look into the cost for this.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Police coverage for Moose Festival “beer tent” event – Frank will check with Jeff on this.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Noreen stated that they received the first Late Filer for the property taxes and found that since the Homestead Rate is higher than the Non Residential Rate (for the first time since Act 60 was implemented) the penalty rate, which the Selectboard has control over, is 8% instead of 3% if it is the other way around. Since there is such an increase in the tax rate this year the Selectboard voted to waive the late filers penalty fee this year on a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank.
2. The Selectboard would like to set up a meeting with the Snowmobile Club as well as the ATV Club to discuss various complaints and concerns that have been brought to their attention.
3. Haven would like an article in the next quarterly newsletter from our Police Chief with regards to stopping at the intersection in Beecher Falls and the “children at play” caution signs.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In: Motion: Haven                      Second: Frank                      Action: discuss Dispatch personnel  
Time: 6:55PM  
Out: Motion: Haven                      Second: Frank                      Action: No decision made  
Time: 7:03PM

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$73,039.15.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven the August 14, 2017 Selectboard meeting adjourned at 7:30PM