

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 22, 2021

- I. OPEN MEETING – The February 22, 2021 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr at 6:00PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr (via Zoom), Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Noreen Labrecque, Alfred Buckley, and April Busfield (via Zoom).
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to approve the minutes to the February 8, 2021 Selectboard meeting. Board approved unanimously.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Webinar report, Police Phone, Snowmobile Club
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – no action
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY
 1. Watershed Plan – The board had a short discussion about the article in the February 18, 2021 Caledonia Record regarding watershed along the Connecticut River. No action was taken.
 2. Highway Annual meeting documents – need to complete – The Board will set up a meeting with VT AOT after Town Meeting to review their budget for the Highway.
- VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –
 1. April gave the Selectboard a report on the pump station failures. She said that the pump that is being rebuilt will be back next week. She ended up getting Champlain (Pump company) to come up and fix the situation which worked out well because we did not have to purchase a new one.
 2. April also touched on a concern that was brought to her attention regarding our computerized system. They were concerned that our system might be able to be tampered with by hackers. April assured them that the only process she can do from her phone or computer is to read what is happening with the system and is not able to dictate any chemical input from her phone. All the chemical processes must be done onsite.
 3. April also touched on the “Fire Hydrant” on Pariseau Dr. with the board. The reason why it is not kept shoveled is because it is a “Flushing Only” hydrant and is not to be used by the Fire Dept. for their purposes. The water lines to those flushing hydrants are very undersized for the sole purpose of flushing and they are turned off during the

winter months anyway. The board suggested getting signs for these hydrants and April will investigate it.

VII. SOLID WASTE

1. DEC Grant – Solid Waste – Need to gather of list of items for grant if we are going to apply. Deadline is March 10th - review documents – The board will meet on March 5th at 12:30PM to discuss if they wish to pursue this grant.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Fire Hydrant – Pariseau Dr. – See above
2. Elections - Drive-thru – The board decided to go with the previous protocol for outside voting which is to have the individual(s) remain in their vehicle to vote, a ballot will be brought to them and they can deposit in a box outside once they have voted if they choose not to wear a mask for inside voting.
3. Homeless – A short discussion on an individual. Frank will reach out to Jeff about the situation.
4. Review Electric for Fletcher Park – Frank will bring this to the CNC board on Thursday night.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Personnel Policy – The board discussed and unanimously approved the changes to the Personnel Policy on a motion by Haven and seconded by Gregory. (Note: the change regarding personal days which will now be labeled “Floating Holiday” will take effect on this date going forward and any time accumulated to this date, for those existing, will remain. They will have until March 2023 to use the accumulated time before it expires)

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Haven gave a report on the two webinars he attended last week. One was on how to conduct an Informational Meeting via Zoom. Haven stated that since this is new territory for everyone, they were basically told to plan of how it will be conducted before the meeting and set the rules prior to the meeting with those attending. And since it is not a voting meeting, non-voters (like those who own property but are not residents) can ask questions. The board also will allow a couple minutes for any candidate to speak to the audience about why they are running for their position.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$ 42,635.69

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven, Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr adjourned the February 22, 2021 Selectboard meeting at 6:51PM.