

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2018

- I. OPEN MEETING - The November 5, 2018 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Gregory Noyes at 6:00PM. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Richard Thibeault, Jeffrey Noyes, Melody Houle and Monique Pertrofsky and Jake Mardin (News and Sentinel).
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the October 22, 2018 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Melody Houle was in to discuss the ATV problems on Hudson Road. The problems she listed were:
  1. She observed 7 ATVs driving on Hudson Road even though the trails have been closed since October 8<sup>th</sup>.
  2. She observed an ATVer with hunting gear on at 5:00PM last evening.
  3. During the dry summer season a group started a fire on the side of the road and left without putting it out.
  4. ATVs are driving at such high speeds that the full sized vehicles have to pull off to the side instead of the ATVs.
  5. Need to have speed limit signs posted on Hudson Road.
  6. The day of the Poker Run the amount of ATV traffic was extensive with no police presence.
  7. She has had several signs stolen.
  8. Her neighbor's stone wall was kicked in and they have had to deal with beer cans thrown on their property all summer long.
  9. Hudson Road is degrading due to the aggressive tires and speed of the ATVs
  10. They have no respect and total disregard for the property owner.
  11. The dust that has been kicked up has ruined the X-mas trees along Hudson Road. Melody has had to wash all the ones they have harvested for sale along the Hudson Road due to the mud and dust on them. Richard Thibeault stated that it is the same on the Pittsburg end of Hall Stream Road with his hay. He loses several feet along the roadside.

Gregory Noyes stated that the Selectboard will be closing Hudson Road to ATVs due to the fact that a portion of it belongs to Lemington and Lemington does not allow ATVs on their town roads. He added that the board appreciates the comments and they are reviewing their ATV Ordinance and will be making changes. The board has received complaints with the rail bed traffic as well as East Street in Beecher Falls. Jeff added that VASA will need to be part of any club in town in order for funding to be available for enforcement.

Monique Petrofski who lives in Stewartstown stated that the NH residents are echoing the same complaints. In NH, Fish and Game are in charge of policing the ATVs. Several locals who have been here for several generations are very upset with the ATV traffic on their roads. She is part of a group who are trying to get the ATV's off the Town Road and have the ATVers trailer them to the trailheads instead. Their group has done a survey which backs up this desire from the locals.

Gregory expressed concern of young kids riding without adult supervision and the noise pollution associated with some.

Jeff stated he sees changes in the future. This has been such a fast moving sport that it got ahead of Legislature and he believes they will be addressing some of these problems.

#### V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –

1. Sidewalks – Richard did some research on the cost of renting a skid steer from rental companies. The cost runs anywhere from \$2250 to \$2270/month. The cost of a new one is between \$28,000 - \$35,000. The Town insurance company suggested that perhaps if the Town had a contract written up with Bruce Owen for the use of the equipment, his insurance company may be more conducive to the Town using it for snow removal on the sidewalks. Richard will check with Bruce on this proposal.
2. Done with Culvert inventory – Richard stated that he and Heather are done with the inventory and she will be presenting the board with a full report in December.
3. Richard stated that he and Brian cleared fallen trees over the weekend after the high winds.
4. Richard will complete the paperwork for the Better Roads Grant Reimbursements.

#### VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT-

1. Sign contract between owner and contractor (Electrical Installations). After reviewing, motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank and approved unanimously to sign the contract.
2. Sign Service maintenance agreement (Brookfield) – After reviewing, motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank and approved unanimously to sign the maintenance agreement for the generators with Brookfield.

#### VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Econo sign for Transfer Station – Price – Board agreed to hold off on this purchase.
2. Coos county revenue breakdown – budget meeting was Nov 2, 2018 – Board will review budget figures although they were unable to attend the meeting.
3. Greg got a price of \$3650 for an additional container for the tires. They will consider this when reviewing budgets for 2019.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Northern Borders Dispatch Letter of Agreement – Board reviewed. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to approve and sign the Agreement. Approved unanimously. Chairman Gregory Noyes executed the Agreement.
2. Municipal Employment Law Workshop – Nov 14, 2018 – Lake Morey – No takers.
3. Permission for Superintendent Office to use space vacated by Police Dept. – The board approved the use of this space on a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Street Lights – Gregory has notified Vermont Electric about the replacement of the street lights at 205 Christian Hill and 144 VT RTE 114. Richard asked if the board would consider the installation of street lights at the intersections of Canaan Hill and VT RTE 102 as well as Kemp Hill and VT RTE 102. He stated that during the winter sanding season it would be helpful to have a lighted area when they need to unplug the sanders at night.
2. Container for School – Marc and the janitor at the school have worked out a schedule that works for both of them. Greg will still inquire with Ben Champagne about a container for the school.
3. Clean Harbor invoice yet?? Greg will call Clean Harbors about this invoice.

- X. OTHER BUSINESS – The Selectboard will review the ATV and Dangerous Building Ordinances and begin the process of implementing at their November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
 Frank gave a report on the progress that is being made with the local schools collaboration.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – no action

In: Motion:	Second:	Action:	Time:
Out: Motion:	Second:	Action:	Time:

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$78,051.08.

- XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank, Chairman Gregory Noyes adjourned the November 5, 2018 Selectboard meeting at 7:43PM.