

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Jim Cross, Katherine Hansis, Bill Hawkins, Stephanie Nagle, Ray Fontaine, Joel Cope and Teresa Potwin. Mark Castonguay arrived at a later time.

Chairperson, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Jim Cross to accept the minutes as printed. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Katherine Hansis from Green Mountain Farm to School was present to request the board's approval to run the "Lunch Box" food wagon in the park on Cross Street starting June 20, 2014 from 11:30- 1:30. This is a program that supplies free lunches to the children. A motion was made by Jim Cross to grant permission to the "Lunch Box". Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Stephanie Nagle was present to request another 220-volt line in the gazebo park for vendors. The board would like to find out the cost first and will work with the Chamber on covering costs.

Buildings and maintenance: Melinda reminded Ray about the maintenance that needs to be done to the Railroad Depot doors in the spring.

Ray told the board that he is fixing the clapboards on the back of the building where the door swings open and hits them. Ray will look into guards so this does not happen again.

Jim Cross motions to allow Ray to purchase steel brushes from Essex International. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Roads: The board reviewed and signed the bridge inspection reports.

Joel showed the board a copy of the driveway access policy. This needs to be reviewed and the board will discuss this further at a later date.

A motion was made by Jim Cross to allow Mark Castonguay sign the driveway access permit for the Dollar General. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel has reviewed the storm water drainage priorities with the board. Marty, Mark and Joel have been working on this and will continue to work to access the situation.

The Better Back Roads Grant is accessible for chronic erosion problems and its purpose is to control water flow from going directly into the streams and lakes by ditching, rip/rap, culverts, etc. Melinda will work with Mark in coming up with a plan on which places are the highest priorities to be fixed. Joel will work on the application for the grant; due May 5, 2014.

Personnel: A meeting has been set for Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 3:00 PM to work on the personnel policy.

All Hazard Mitigation Plan: Joel explained that there are grants available that require the town to have a hazard mitigation plan in place. The town has one, but it is 5 years out of date. The board agrees that we need to start working on updating this plan. NVDA has a grant to help towns with these, but cannot get to it until later this year or next.

Liquor licenses: At this time the regular select board meeting was adjourned and the liquor control meeting was called to order. A motion was made by Jim Cross to sign the liquor and tobacco licenses for Ted's Market and The Kingdom Market. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. The liquor control meeting was adjourned and the regularly scheduled meeting was reconvened.

Pay orders: The board signed the road pay order for \$11,460.77 and the general pay order for \$11,266.05.

Overweight permit: A motion was made by Jim Cross to allow select board chairperson sign the overweight permit for Calkins. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Bulky Day: The board has set Saturday, May 10, 2014 as the first Bulky Day.

Brush Dump: Pierre Dupuis is willing to negotiate with the town on taking over the brush dump. In the meantime, the town will continue with the brush dump with opening day being Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Other business: Joel informed the board that the town has received the USDA grant to purchase the turn-out gear for the fire department.

The board has given Joel permission to apply for a planning grant with an 80/20 match to plan the next phase in the town hall project (stage in the gym, finishing the third floor, elevator to the third floor, etc.). The board wants Black River Design to work on the planning of this phase of the project as well.

The trees for the Lakeshore planting project will be here on April 29 or 30 and will be planted on May 2, 2014.

Melinda informed the board that Brett Hedges will be moving his sign, but will be leaving it there until the ground thaws so that he can put up another post.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.