

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Mike Worth, James Cross, Jenn Hanlon, Mark Castonguay, Jeff Noyes, Bill Hawkins, Teresa Potwin and Joel Cope.

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

A Motion was made by Mike Worth to add the PETA Proposal to the agenda after approving the minutes. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public Comment: None

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Worth to approve the minutes as printed. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

PETA Proposal: A motion was made by Mike Worth to decline the proposal from PETA. The board feels this is a controversial issue, and that the town should not support either side. James Cross seconds the motion to decline the offer. All in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: Keith Gray will look at the flagpole, and if he feels that it is unsafe for him to take this down, Keith and Mark will contact Mike Green to come and take it down with his equipment and fix it on site.

Joel informed the board that we are working on fixing the issues for the VLCT PACIF. The survey is tabled for now until these are complete.

The Historical Society is willing to move their storage area to the new room they want to rent, and use the room they are now using for storage as part of the museum, so no renovations are necessary.

Roads: Dave Antone came up and rode the town roads with Mark. They have done an inventory of the culverts that need to be replaced, with Taylor Road as the number one priority. Dave will return this week to work on this project for the Better Back Roads Grant some more.

Joel informed the board of the savings of replacing the streetlights with the LED lights. It would be a onetime fee of about \$9000.00 at first, but would save us about \$300.00 per month on this electric bill. Joel will get some more information before pursuing this further, as well as do an inventory of the lights we have in the town.

Mark informed the board that he has contacted a contractor about fixing the siding on the town garage that has water damage. The cost would be around \$1,200.00. The board wants to wait until spring to address this issue, as budget is a concern.

Personnel: The board reviewed employee timesheets.

Cemetery: Joel informed the board that the attorney has sent letters to both parties involved about how to pursue this issue.

ISO Report: Joel informed the board that in order to better our ISO score, training and personnel for the fire department is the best place to do that, but ISO doesn't provide detailed information about the scoring, and it is not clear how much attention insurance companies pay to ISO findings.

Pay orders and budget: The board signed the general pay order for \$15,510.69 and the road pay order for \$2,379.03. The board also reviewed the budget, no major issues.

Unlicensed dogs: Jeff will get in touch with the town clerk to update the list of unlicensed dogs.

Park Path update: Joel will be meeting with Garon St. Sauveur at Maxwell's pit to look at a rock to use for the sign.

ICS Training: Joel has taken the course, and now has to take the final exam.

Island: Joel informed the board that a letter offering to put the question to voters of the acquisition of the island at the appraised value has been sent to Mr. Hall and Mr. Cooper. The town has not received any response.

Other business: Joel informed the board about the rail action network meeting in St. Albans on November 13, 2014 and that Francois would like the town to send a delegate. The board thought this was a good idea. Also Joel informed the board that there is another meeting on October 8, 2014 called the Northern New England Rail Rally and Joel will be attending this meeting. The board agreed this would be a good idea.

The town is offering a \$150.00 reward for the speed limit sign.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.