

Brighton Selectboard Minutes February 17, 2016

Minutes of the Brighton Selectboard meeting held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 9:00 Am in the town hall in Island Pond. Attending were Melinda Gervais, Doug Niles, Jim Cross, Jeff Noyes, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope, Markus Vogt of NEKLS and Ed Barber of the Newport Express.

1. Melinda called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. The following items were added top the agenda: ERP grant, MSDS sheets, skating rink request
3. The board read and approved the minutes of February 3 & 12.
4. Markus Vogt of the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services requested space in the old Probate Court office, since their basement space is unusable much of the time due to basketball practice above in the gym. They would ask that they be able to use only the front office space in the east room. They would also need to retain the space in the basement in the event they had a disabled client. The board approved the request, and will allow them to use the second floor office at no extra cost. Total rent will remain the same.
5. Better Back Roads: The board approved hiring Dave Antone to do the next phase of the Head of the Pond culvert work. Antone will work on updating the road inventory with the new state general permit in mind. His fee will be covered as part of the grant, and the town match for the grant is ten percent.
6. Roads: Mark reported that he has been dealing with a number of frozen culverts.
7. The board authorized Chairperson Melinda Gervais to sign overweight truck permits.
8. ERP Grant: Joel said he had called Craig Goulet about the plan to put a curb to direct stormwater flow on Mill Street. The curb will affect Goulet's practice of parking cars in the area behind their garage. Joel will meet with Craig about the plan.

9. The board approved getting the two remaining old maps of Island Pond restored. The old maps were found in the vault during the Ancient Roads project.
10. MSDS sheets: Joel said it is turning out to be very difficult and time-consuming to find MSDS sheets for the items used in the town garage and for maintenance, to comply with VOSHA requirements. The suppliers who sell these products are required by law to supply MSDS sheets with the sale upon request, so Joel wanted the board to approve a direct request to the suppliers to provide the sheets with the product sale. The board approved the request. Mark said the state just updated their sheets and they should be largely the same as ours, so he will ask Robbie about their sheets.
11. Jeff Noyes told the board that there may be a grant opportunity under the Governor's Highway Safety Program to buy a new radar speed sign. He will be looking into that and how it would be mounted to prevent theft. Also, he wants to look at the existing ATV ordinance to see whether it ought to be updated, and provide for a steeper waiver fee than the current \$15.
12. Fire station heat: There exists some confusion over the thermostat setting in the ambulance room in the fire station. Joel will look up the energy audit on the building. It is possible that some more insulation is appropriate.
13. Joel and Ray will look at the spot on the foot bridge where ice collects and see if there is a way to fix that.
14. The board agreed to meet at 6 PM before Town Meeting on February 29, to go over the budget and other issues relevant to Town Meeting.
15. Meeting adjourned.