

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

6/15/2016

Present: Doug Niles, Jim Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Joel Cope, William Hawkins & Mark Castonguay, and John Macutchan and Lisa Moore

Chairperson Doug Niles, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: Joel added Northern Forest Canoe Trail sign. Doug added grass in the park.

Public Comment: Peter Macutchan asked what was to be done about fixing the entrance to his property. Mark Castonguay said that he went and looked at it and that he could fix it so that Mr. Macutchan can get through with his car. The board agreed that he should fix this as soon as possible.

Building and Maintenance:

Generator: No news on the generator.

Tennis Court: Joel is waiting for an estimate that will hopefully be matched by a grant that will cover fifty percent of the cost. The grant deadline is July 1st.

New Dock Ramp Section: Reno Gervais talked to Doug Niles about safety concerns regarding a section of the Town's boat ramp that needs repair. Reno is willing to fix it if the Town will order the part. Reno thinks it costs about \$1100 per section. Jim Cross motioned to spend approximately \$1100 to fix the ramp. Doug Niles seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Fire Danger Meter on Fire Station: Doug Niles would like our town to have a sign like many towns do that shows whether fire danger is high or low. Joel will ask Rick Hannux or Walt Driscoll if they know how we can get one.

Grass in the Park: Doug Niles said that Matt Moore is going to have someone come and hydro-seed his property. He can get a better deal if more people in this area will have this done in the same time frame. He said that it will cost about \$800-\$900 per 8.5 square feet. It was agreed that our Park will benefit from the hydro-seeding otherwise the area used for Friday Night Live events will just be a mud pit. Jim Cross motioned to spend \$800-\$1000 to hydro-seed. Doug Niles seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Northern Forest Canoe Trail Sign: The board agrees that the sign in the park does not look good and is too big. Joel will be asking the owner of the sign to relocate it

and Jim also suggested that he be asked to make it smaller. Joel suggested that the Welcome Center may be a better location for it.

Jim Cross asked why there were not two porta potties by the Pavilion area. Joel will ask Ray. Bill Hawkins said they usually get two just before the first Friday Night Live.

Roads: Mark Castonguay asked what they should do with Derby Street. Doug Niles said that this is a high priority and that Mark should get in touch with Pike to discuss a quote. Doug said he would like Mark to let him know when he meets with Pike to discuss the quote so that he can try to meet with them at the same time. Mark suggested that some of the sidewalk money be used to put into Derby Street.

Joel said that Claire Barnes had called with safety concerns about a hole in the sidewalk across from the Brighton Garage. Jim Cross said that also Mountain Street sidewalk is in great need of repair.

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Personnel: Tabled

E911 Policy: Tabled because Jennifer Hanlon was not present.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Jim Cross said that all of the selectboard have all looked over the plan. He found one slight typo to be corrected. Jim motioned to approve the draft plan for submission to FEMA. Doug Niles seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Appoint Forest Fire Warden: Jim Cross motioned to reappoint Walt Driscoll as fire warden. Doug seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried. The selectboard signed the appointment.

Summer Program Flyer: The summer program flyers got out to the kids. We will wait to see how many kids sign up for the program to see if they need to combine grades.

Budget Report: The selectboard reviewed the status of the Town budget and they all agreed that it looked good.

Approve Minutes: The selectboard approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

Pay Orders: Pay orders were reviewed and signed by the selectboard.

Other Business: Joel typed up a letter thanking Pastor Perry and his wife for doing such a nice job on flowers in town. Doug says we need to thank Ruthie and whoever else helped with flowers also.

Doug asked Mark what needed to be done to install the cross walk by the Dollar General Store and the Park. Mark said he will work it in to his schedule and paint it.

The selectboard thinks it is a good idea for Mark to have the new truck under coated, but that he should first check the warranty. Mark said he would call and ask if this would affect the warranty.

Joel says we are still waiting on a permit to remove the stage in the gym.

Joel researched the procedure for voting by Australian Ballot. He said first you have to have a vote to have Australian Ballot. Then you need to specify whether it is just for one thing or all “public questions” to be voted on. It also requires an informational meeting. Jon thinks that it would give the people who go away in the winter more of an opportunity to vote. Alternatively, people who attend an actual town meeting have a better chance of being informed voters.

VLCT recently had a flagger certification class. Certification cards were issued to those who attended and they are valid for two years. However, Joel said that the instructor told him that people can flag legally even if their certification is expired.

Joel reminded the board that they need to decide what to pave, what sidewalks to repair, gutters and think about doing the Depo roof (R. R. Bldg.).

There was some discussion on ideas to revive our town businesses. There will be a Community Visit workshop coming up where people can get together and pool their ideas together.

Jonathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jim seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 PM