

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, Jonathan O'Keefe, Billy Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Mike Strait, Joel Cope, Clifford Biron, Mark Biron, Virginia Wing, Muriel O'Gorman, Betty Gilfillan, Gordon Lefebvre, Ed Barber and Lisa Moore

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

Update Agenda: Gym Floor, Time Sheets, Leahy Visit, Zoning Fees, Better Back Roads Project, Gym Use

Public Comment: none

Historic Society: Betty Gilfillan spoke on behalf of the Historic Society of their interest in moving to the Town Hall. They believe the three rooms that are above the Bank and Library, on the third floor would be an ideal space for them to use. This would allow them to spread things out for people to view. She pointed out that an elevator would be needed.

Doug explained that the elevator issue had been previously tabled because they didn't feel that it was fair for the Selectboard alone to decide on spending \$30,000 or \$50,000 without the input of the voters. Joel stated that the building is presently not ADA compliant (the elevator being the worst violation) and that if someone were to make a complaint we would have to comply. According to the best information we now have, there has to be an interior accessible route between all floors used by the public, which currently could only be accomplished with an elevator. Replacing the lift would not make the building accessible unless the basement were dedicated to only to storage.

Current access to the town offices is now limited to the original set of stairs that do not meet current code standards. A decision on either a platform lift or an elevator is a priority, but as long as the powers-that-be see that progress is being made towards a decision, we'll likely be considered to be ADA compliant.

Jonathan said that he thinks the priority right now should be to focus on spending money on our infrastructure. Since we have a tenant interested in renting the top floor, Doug suggested that Joel go ahead and find out more about grants that may pay a substantial part of the cost of a \$300,000 elevator, leaving the town's share affordable. Grant money is harder to find for replacement of the existing platform lift.

If an elevator were installed serving as floors, the top floor still could not be used without renovations. A sprinkler system would have to be installed. This will be a costly project and might be able to be done in stages, using town workers as much as possible. More grant money might be available for this work.

Gym Floor: The stage has been removed and now we need to hire someone to sand the gym floor, re-paint the lines and put a coat of stain on it. There was a lot of salvageable boards left over from the stage so a notice will be posted on the board that there will be a silent bid for them and if someone wants to view them they can stop in during business hours.

Leahy Visit: Patrick Leahy will be here August 5th, to visit the Railroad Depot, Sunrise Manor, town businesses and to check out the walk path. Joel will be talking with him about gaining the use of state land for bicycling and 4-wheeler trails and how this may help our town businesses thrive.

Zoning fees: It was discussed that the \$25 fee for a Certificate of Occupancy fee should henceforth be included in the zoning permit fee, increasing that fee to \$75. Permits issued prior to this meeting that still need CO's will still require the \$25 fee. Jonathan made a motion to adjust the zoning permit fee to include the CO fee. Doug Niles seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Better Back Roads: Mark met with Dave Antone regarding the road project on Head of the Pond Road. He said the culvert sizes will be different from what the contractors were told so there will have to be an adjustment in the bid. Mark said they would like to start the work this year.

Gym Use: Bill Hawkins said that someone would like to use the gym for a yoga class and that if the gym is not available for a while, they would like to use the AA

room. Though they charge \$5-\$10 for class they don't expect that many people, so they would like the Town to waive the fee for using the gym.

Doug made a motion that the Yoga class can take place in the AA room until the gym is ready for use and also to waive the fee until the situation can be reevaluated later concerning the fee to see if they are making money off this.

Jonathan seconded the motion, all in favor.

Fire Danger Meter: It was discussed that a fire danger meter may confuse some people and since they have to call Walt Driscoll anyway before having a fire, it was decided that we will not have one.

Basement Leak: Tabled until the next meeting so that the selectboard members can go and see where it's leaking.

Stage Removal/Piano Relocation: Joel will be putting a notice out that we have a free piano.

The stage has been removed. A notice will also be posted for a silent bid on the salvaged stage wood.

Roads: Mark said the heavy rain storms had caused some small washouts but nothing serious. They have all been taken care of.

Sweet Tree donated \$10,000 for help with the road upkeep. We will be sending Joe Russo a thank you letter.

Personal: Tabled

Stormwater Project: The Storm Water Project was not awarded to Munson. One bid from Dale Wells did not get an addendum when the bid specs were sent out by the company that tracked the bid process for the engineer. We will be contacting our attorney to see if we need to rebid the project out or what our options are before proceeding with the project.

It was also discussed that this project will require the removal of public shade trees. Before they can be removed, state law requires that we hold a tree hearing.

State Culvert Program: Joel shared a handout that shows the web address of where to go to see where all of our culverts are and what condition they are in.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2016 meeting as printed. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Timesheets: The selectboard reviewed the Town employees' last timesheets.

Other Business: Joel shared a handout that gave information about a program that helps small businesses. He also shared a handout with information on a new state wide tax-mapping program that we should check out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.