

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2017

Present: Doug Niles, Jonathan O’Keefe, Mark Castonguay, Ray Fontaine, Michael Strait, Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

Update Agenda: Tennis and Basket Ball Court, VTrans meeting, and Storm Water Project

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Tennis and Basketball Courts: Joel met with Ray Desilets from Advantage Tennis who looked over the condition of our tennis and basketball courts and provided options for repair, while staying within budget. The budget is \$12,000, half provided by a grant from the state. Joel provided a handout which showed costs for crack repairs and options available. Doug Niles and John O’Keefe want to go and take a look at the courts first before moving forward with repairs.

VTrans Annual Meeting: There will be an annual meeting to go over the Town’s road budget and to get a breakdown of the road budget for the year and to find out how much money is available to us through VTrans in the event of a declared storm. Jonathan and Doug agreed to go to the meeting scheduled for April 26, 2017.

Storm Water Project: Joel said that the paving will begin again sometime after May 1. Joel informed the board that the wetland planting is over the estimate because a soil amendment was added. The cost of maintenance for the wetland plants is about \$380 per week and is all covered by the grant. Joel said that they are still negotiating. Doug asked Joel to be sure to make clear that maintenance should be on demand when we need it.

Hydroseeder Storage: The Town of Lemington and Town of Canaan do not want to store the hydro-seeder and have asked that our town store it. We may be able to use the old Town Garage. Doug asked Joel to find out if it has to be stored in a heated garage. The matter is tabled for now.

Building & Maintenance: The trim on the Railroad Depot building needs to be painted. Joel said the 1989 Island Pond Plan suggested that the trim should not be white on such a building. Michael Strait will be looking into some new color

schemes for it. The board thinks that they will probably contract out for this job rather than having Ray do it. Joel said that we may be able to get a grant for this project. Joel is going to work on getting an estimate for the job.

Joel said that a lady is coming on Friday to inspect the walk path to see how we are keeping it up. It should be wheelchair accessible. Ray is going to check it out before Friday to be sure it is in good shape.

Roads: Mark said that the roads are in great condition. Mark will be calling the sweeper guy to see how soon he can come to do our streets. Usually it is the second week in May.

Ray said that his power broom does not work. He said that he can get an attachment that will work on his weed whacker that will do the same job. It will cost about \$200.00. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to allow Ray to buy the attachment. Doug Niles seconds, all in favor.

ATV Ordinance: Joel shared the latest print out version of the ordinance. There was a change made to say that ATVs shall not be allowed on sidewalks. Joel is waiting on an answer from the attorney on whether the ordinance can state that the Selectboard should name what roads can be used each year for ATVs, instead of having to amend an ordinance every time we want to make a change. It takes 60 days for an ordinance to take effect, so as soon as the ordinance is ready for the Selectboard's approval and signature the board will have a special meeting.

Wastewater Treatment Plant & Memphremagog TMDL: Marty plans to go to an informational meeting and regarding the phosphorous issue and to find out what options we have regarding this matter.

Better Connections Grant: The Planning Commission met and is presently considering the RFP regarding the hiring of a consultant to guide us in our downtown and lakefront plans and to do a market study. The 1989 Planning Study says that we should not use our waterfront for residential use or building close to the shoreline. This takes away from public access and enjoyment of the lake. The property on Mill Street is a primary example of a poor use of commercially valuable shorefront property. If the Town were to somehow acquire the property, we could enhance our park in such a way that it would be clear where it ends and begins and have greater enjoyment and visibility of the lake, and it could open up the downtown to the lake. Joel will be getting a list of consultants and will keep the Selectboard posted on this.

Stump Dump: The first day of the stump dump opening this year will be May 5. Bill Hawkins thinks that having the dump open on Saturdays only is sufficient. Doug Niles made a motion that the stump dump will only be open 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. on Saturdays. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds, all in favor.

Farm to School in the Park: The Green Mountain Farm to School organization would like to return for the summer and park at the Pavilion between 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. on Fridays, beginning June 23, 2017 until August 25, 2017. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to allow the Green Mountain Farm to School Lunchbox program to use the Pavilion area during the requested time frame. Doug Niles seconds, all in favor.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor.

Other business: There was an overweight permit to be signed. Doug Niles made a motion to sign the permit. Jonathan seconds, all in favor. Doug signed the permit.

The Annual Town Meeting Minutes needed to be signed by the chairperson of the selectboard. Jonathan made a motion to sign the minutes. Doug Niles seconded the motion, all in favor. Doug signed the motion.

Adjourn: 7:10 P.M.