

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2017

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'keefe, Jeff Noyes, Billy Hawkins, Rick Hannux, Mike Strait, Heather Robinson, Mark Castonguay, Betty Gillfillan, Joel Cope, Teresa DeBonville, Robert Fisher, Jason Booth, Gwyn Worthington, Silas Worthington, Ray Fontaine, Ed Barber, Reno Gervais, and Treyton Eibert.

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

Update Agenda: The following items were added to the agenda. Spraying of pesticides, new municipal roads permit and hydro seeder.

Public comment: Jason Booth from Aldrich and Elliott was present to discuss when Alliance would be back to complete the storm water project. Jason said that the projected time to continue the project was May 22, 2017. In discussing the dates, Jonathan mentioned that this was the weekend before Memorial Day and was wondering if maybe Alliance would be willing to start May 30, 2017 instead. Jason asked if the town wanted to have the extra work that needs to be done on Derby Street done under the grant, as we are still under budget on this. Jason also mentioned that an easement from Gilman Housing would be needed to do this work. A motion was made by Jonathan O'keefe to have Alliance do the extra work on Derby Street under the grant and to get an easement from Gilman Housing. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Heather Robinson from NRCD on the wetlands planting was present to get final approval from the board to contract International Landscapers for the planting. The board agreed to contract International with the amendment stating that the town would pay any extra work at \$38.00 per hour not to exceed a total cost of \$25,000 for planting and extra work.

Heather Robinson also discussed the hydro seeder with the board. The hydro seeder does not have to be stored in a heated space. Because the town is going to be the "host" town we will have to do some small maintenance on the hydro seeder, and keep insurance on it and will receive first chance at scheduling. The town will also receive 5 years' worth of supplies for the hydro seeder for being the host town. Heather asked if the board would be willing to throw in an extra \$136.00 on top of the \$500.00 match for extra supplies. A

motion was made by Jonathan O'keefe to pay the extra \$136.00 for the supplies. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Heather also informed the board that the state will be present on June 8, 2017 at 8:00 AM to do training for the hydro seeder. This training will take place in the park by Lakefront Mini Mart.

Betty Gillfillan, on behalf of the Island Pond Historical Society was present to inform the board that they would like to continue to rent the space at the Railroad Station at the cost of \$7.20 per square foot. Joel informed the board that nothing has to be done this year, as the Historical Society has signed the lease for this year, and next year they will receive a new one.

ATV Ordinance and Survey: The board received the surveys on ATV use and it was evident that the town supports the idea. The board also went over the ATV ordinance.

At this time, Gwyn Worthington spoke to the board on her concerns about opening all the roads to the ATV's. The board informed Ms. Worthington that at this time the ordinance states that only Alder Street, Cross Street and the intersection of Cross and Main were going to be opened, but when and if the time comes to open all the roads, there would be meetings so that the town's people could state their concerns. Jonathan O'keefe makes a motion to adopt the ATV Ordinance to specifically open Alder Street, Cross Street, the intersection of Cross and Main and the existing Five-Mile Square and Ten-Mile Square Routes. James Cross seconds this motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel showed the board a bid from Advantage to fix the tennis courts. A motion was made by James Cross to go with Advantage's proposal to repair the tennis courts. Jonathan O'keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Ray informed the board that the roof over the back entrance is still leaking. The board will look into options on how to rectify this problem.

Ray asked the board if they wanted him to put the goose fence up again this year. The board agreed this would be a good idea.

Roads: Joel gave the board copies of the VTRANS documents for the Annual Financial Plan for town highways to look over and sign. A motion was made by

Jonathan O'keefe to sign the documents. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel went over the new municipal road general permit features with the board.

Food Shelf: Rick Hannux was present to discuss the last food shelf held at the fire station. Rick informed the board that at the last food shelf a lady got hurt and had to be taken to the hospital. Rick informed the board that he felt that the fire station was not the place to hold these. The traffic is congested and if the fire department or ambulance had a call, it would be very difficult to respond in a timely matter with the amount of traffic and people. The board agreed that this was not a good place to hold these, and would not allow this to happen at this location anymore.

Better Connections Grant RFP: Joel has sent in the latest version of the Better Connections Grant RFP and gave the board a copy of it to look over.

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and signed the general pay orders and the road pay orders.

Approve previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Jonathan O'keefe to approve the minutes as printed. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Jeff informed the board that the new cruiser would be here no later than last week.

James Cross asked Jeff Noyes about the trash issue on Lake Street. Jeff said he believed that Joe Arborio had the issue taken care of.

The question of commercial dealers using the brush dump came up. Doug Niles stated that in his opinion if a property owner hired someone to clean up the brush and debris on their property because they couldn't do it themselves, that the commercial dealer who cleaned up said property should be allowed to bring the brush to the dump because if the property owner did the work themselves, they would be allowed. The board agreed that this was fine.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.