

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 5, 2017

Present: James Cross, Jonathan O’Keefe, Reno Gervais, Stacey Roese, Billy Hawkins, Bill Cobb, Mark Castonguay, Erica Rumball-Petre, Charlotte Rumball-Petre, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Billy Hawkins, Ray Fontaine, Heather Robinson, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

Update Agenda: The board updated the agenda to include Reno Gervais on behalf of the ATV Ordinance, and setting the tax rate.

Reno Gervais was present to discuss the ATV trail route. Reno informed the board that the trail off from Meadow Street behind the feed store was wet and they were working on filling it in when someone came along and was concerned about filling in wetlands. Reno then called the state to see if this was an issue, and the state informed him that they were not allowed to do this, so they had to remove the fill that they had put in. Because of this the club tried to re-route the trail further down, and this worked for a couple of days, but with all the rain this is now a route that does not work. Reno was present to ask if the board would be willing to open up all of Meadow Street and a portion of Railroad Street from the stop sign at the end of Meadow Street to the McMahon Property only, where at this point the trail crosses over to the other side of the road and connects to the center of town. Jonathan O’Keefe made a motion to allow this route to be open for the 2017 season only for now on a trial basis. James Cross seconds this motion, all in favor, so carried. Reno also asked the board if there was a “permit” to allow landowners only to use portions of un-opened roads just to access the trails. Joel will check into this and get the board more information to see if this is even a thing, before the board makes a decision on this.

Public comment: None.

Bill Cobb(Faith in Action): Bill Cobb on behalf of the food drive put on by Faith in Action was present to ask the board permission to use the town garage for the food drive. The board members that were present did not want this to be held at the town garage.

Heather Robinson (Hydro seeder): Heather Robinson was present to apologize to the board for the mis-communication on the day of the training for the hydro seeder. The board discussed the fact that at this time they still wanted to plant grass in the gazebo park area. Ray will fence this off and seed as soon as possible.

Roads: Joel informed the board that he has sent the letter of intent for the road grant program. Mark told the board that he has looked at the drainage problem on Railroad Street and will have to fix the piping/culvert to take care of this. The board agreed that they would like him to start on this project as soon as possible.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel gave the board an update on the platform lift. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to purchase a new platform lift from Accessibility systems model Savaria V1504-168 for the price of \$14,844.00 with the upgrades to include power doors, etc. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Fire Services Contract for Unified Towns and Gores: Tabled.

Better Connections Grant: Joel informed the board that Land works was awarded the job. The next step will consist of contacting Land works and have a meeting the grant people, the town and Land works.

Operating Loan Documents: A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to sign the loan documents for \$65,000.00 in lieu of delinquent taxes for the purpose of operations for a short term payable by December 31, 2017. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay Orders: The board signed the pay orders for the general account and the road department account.

Approve previous meeting minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to accept the minutes as printed. James Cross seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: The town clerk informed the board that the 2017 tax rate is as follows:

Non-Residential Education rate total: \$2.0636

Homestead Education rate total: \$2.0613

A motion was made by Jonathan O'keefe to accept the 2017 tax rate. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.