

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTE
August 16, 2017

Present: Jim Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Joel Cope, Ray Fontaine, Bill Hawkins, Reno Gervais, Michael Strait, Ed Barber and Lisa Moore

Chair person, Jim Cross, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: Trash, Crosswalks, furniture offering from Brighton School, noise complaint, truck unloading in the front of ACE Hardware

Truck Unloading at ACE: Reno Gervais said trucks do unload there, but they make it quick and it is really the only place that they can unload.

Trash: There is a large accumulation of trash on Middle Street at the residence of James Castrogiovanni. Joel will be sending him a notice that this is a zoning violation.

Public Comment: Michael Strait said that there is a former vendor who would like to set up a farmers market in the park one or two days a week. The board said that this would be okay. The vendor may have to set up elsewhere during times that they plan to seed the park.

Roads: There were no comments concerning roads.

Furniture Offering: Joel Cope share a picture of a piece of furniture that the Brighton School was offering to the Town. The board decided not to take the piece of furniture because the Town Building really has no use or room for it. They suggested that the school contact the Historical Society or have a raffle with it.

Building and Maintenance: Ray said that the fence area above the bridge has been weed wacked, so now he will take the fence down. The road crew will then complete the rest of the job.

Ray Fontaine said that there is a leak at the Railroad Depot. Fred Sykes is coming to patch it up.

Joel Cope and Reno Gervais will be working together on getting specs for a new roof for the Railroad Depot.

Ray Fontaine said that he will bring in top soil by the skating shack area so that they can hydroseed it.

Ray Fontaine suggested that we have "No Parking" signs put out at the corner of the Essex House & Tavern and also in front of the Community National Bank area. Too many people park improperly causing a potential danger for an accident. Jim Cross suggested marking the areas with yellow and having a sign. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Budget Report: The board reviewed the Budget report.

Some of the budget money was spent to protect and restore some of the Town's original maps that date back to 1876. Joel Cope shared the maps with board for viewing.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes from the previous Selectboard meeting of August 2, 2017. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Trash on Paul Bunyan Road: Joel says that they now have a good idea what property the trash is on. They are still not sure exactly where it is or what it is. They need permission from the land owner to go and see the sites. He will be going with Joe Arborio, Jeff Noyes, and someone from the State when they actually go to the sites. They will notify the property owner on the day that they go to view the sites. After their findings, they will decide how to handle the matter.

Crosswalks: Joel received an email from Sheila Thurston, who works for the VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She pointed out the need for our crosswalks to be painted at the intersection of 114N and Rtes. 105/111 (in the center of Island Pond). Ray Fontaine said that Mark is getting ready to do these.

Noise Complaint: Sharon Biron is upset about the noise coming from McKiernan's property where they are building a new house. The builders start very early in the morning. The board said that we have no ordinance that says they can't start building early in the morning.

Other Business: Ray Fontaine said that we have an erosion issue at the beach area. He suggested using coconut fiber in that area and the board added that they may be able to hydroseed it without using phosphorous. Ray will talk with Heather Robinson first and see what her suggestion is.

There is another garbage issue at Marsden's Residence. There are 2-3 barrels that animals have tipped over. No one is living there at this time. Joel will go and see it and he will also contact Joe Arborio.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 PM