

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
November 15, 2017

Present: Doug Niles; Jim Cross; Emma Gunn; Maggie Machinist; Julie Raboin; Bill Hawkins; Jeff Noyes; Mike Strait; Ann Budrewicz; Ray Fontaine; Joel Cope; and Lisa Moore

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

Updates: Complaint of Speeding on Railroad St. - Request for a George Halpern Memorial Day – Drinking Fountain – Selectboard to sign for Tractor Loan Agreement

Public Comment: Ann Budrewicz expressed that she would like to become the next Zoning Administrator when the position becomes available. Doug Niles said the selectboard will keep her in mind and consider her for the position when this happens.

Adam Harding emailed Joel Cope with a request to establish a George Halpern Memorial Day. The Selectboard is unclear on how they can accommodate this request. Joel will email Adam back to get more specific details of what the expectations of the Town would be for this day.

Deak Worth has complained that there is a speeding problem on Railroad Street. Jeff Noyes said that he will watch for this problem.

Bill Hawkins thinks that it would be nice to have a water fountain in the gym. Joel Cope and Ray Fontaine will look into what type of water unit will work best and the cost of one.

Roads: In regards to the Better Back Roads Grant, Heather Robinson has put in an application for a Category A (Inventory).

Buildings & Maintenance: Ray shared a written estimate with the Selectboard for the cost of the work that needs to be done at the top of the foot bridge. Reno Gervais told Ray that he would help him with this job. Jim Cross made a motion to

start the construction on the top of the foot bridge as soon as possible. Doug Niles seconds; all in favor.

Ray said that he got the snowflake decorations up. Doug Niles suggested that after Christmas, Ray could check on sales for ornaments for municipalities. Michael Strait said that the Chamber may be willing to help with the cost of this.

Budget: The board reviewed and discussed the budget report. They agreed that it looked good.

Reviewed Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Jim Cross made a motion to accept the minutes. Doug Niles seconds the motion; all in favor.

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

Other Business: Ray Fontaine has asked what has been done about the dog issues on Dale Avenue. Jeff Noyes said that he will look into this.

The electric company will be looking at the street light on Blueberry Lane and then they will be in touch with Joel Cope concerning the issue of changing the billing of this light over to the Town, rather than billing the property owner.

Recreation Director: Three applications were received and reviewed earlier by the recreation committee. At this time, the board moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of an employee, specifically a Recreation Director, pursuant to the provisions of VSA Title 1 Section 313(a)(3). A telephone call was made to Jon O'Keefe, who then attended by speakerphone. Doug Niles then recused himself from the Executive Session. The board asked Maggie Machiivist, Emma Gunn, Julie Raboin and Joel Cope to the Executive Session.

The Board left the Executive Session, and voted to offer Doug Niles the position as Recreation Director at the pay rate of \$15/hr. Doug accepted the position. All three candidates made excellent presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.