

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2018

Present: Michael Strait, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Landvest Inc., Mark Castonguay, Tom Hanlon, Joe Arborio, Ray Fontaine, Lorraine Farley, Crystal Homan, Doug Niles, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

Landvest Inc. was present to re-cap the direction they are looking to move forward in for the downtown revitalization project for the members of the board who were unable to attend the meeting prior to the select board meeting.

Chairperson, Michael Strait called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Update agenda: Neal Perry was asking permission to have his 15 year old son cover for him at the recycle center when he is unable to work. The board will have Joel check with the labor laws to make sure this is ok , and would be ok with him covering.

Tom Hanlon was present to discuss his concerns about ATV'S on the roads.

The request for a cross walk from the Emerald Isle Café to the parking lot.

Public comment: Tom Hanlon was present to discuss some concerns that he had with Arthur John Road being open to ATV'S. Mr. Hanlon concern was about public safety. He said he was not opposed to having the road open; but his concern was helmet safety being practiced, insurance, registration of the ATV'S, and obeying the vasa rules, also the policing of these regulations and rules. Mr. Hanlon also questioned why this road was open and why the landowners were not notified. Jonathan O'Keefe stated that the board received a request from club member Stacey Roese to open this road because residents that lived on the road wanted access to the roads opened, as well as the fact that eventually they want a trail system that will connect into Maidstone. The board also stated that if there were issues with people not obeying the rules and regulations set, that people should report this to Chief Noyes or Reno Gervais so that the issues can be fixed. Mr. Hanlon's questions and concerns were put into writing and are attached. The board also re-assured everyone that if eventually all roads were to be opened to ATV'S, that there would be a town meeting to discuss this, so everyone would have a chance to state their opinions on this.

Joel informed the board that he received a request to put in a cross walk from the Emerald Isle Café to the parking lot across the street. The board feels that with the location being near the intersection of Fitzgerald Ave. and Derby Street and located on the sharp corner, that this would be very unsafe. The board has denied this request. Joel will write the owner a letter denying this request.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel gave the board copies of the subcontractors results to review for the railroad depot project. The board will look these over before making a final decision on the project.

The board has decided to get a few bids and hire someone to weed out the wetland be Jaime Goulet's house.

Ray asked if the board still wanted the maple tree by the basketball court removed. The board said yes.

Road Department: Mark has requested more money in the gravel budget. The downpours that we have been getting have been washing out the roads.

The board discussed what paving projects to do. The board has decided to do Dale Ave and Bellevue Ave. this year.

Roads (Cont.): Mark told the board that he has brought the one ton to Brooks Chevrolet to get the lights fixed.

The road crew will be working on painting the lines (weather permitting) soon.

The board discussed with Mark about purchasing wood that was cut and split for the town garage. Mark will order this.

Mark told the board that the catch basin by Irving needs to be cleaned out. Marty gave Mark a number to call to have this done. Mark will call.

Michael Strait told Mark about a request to put some fill around the fire hydrant by the cemetery that came from Cemetery Commissioner Roland Barney. The road crew will work on this.

Recreation Department: Doug thanked Ray for all the help in setting up the foosball courts. This event was a big success and Doug asked the board to think about maybe putting in a permanent court in the park.

Budget Report: The board reviewed the budget report.

Castrogiovanni Property: Lorraine Farley and Crystal Homan (relatives of Beatrice Castrogiovanni) were present to ask for an extension of the time to clean up the property. Mr. Arborio told the board that the clean-up has to start with the outside. The board agreed to give them until August 5, 2018 as long as substantial progress is being made before the town will go in and clean it up and put a lien on the property.

Ambulance update: Newport does not want to contract with us using our ambulance and set up their staff here in Island Pond. The 45th parallel is working on numbers and will get back to the town.

Loan documents: A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to sign the loan documents to borrow \$140,000.00 to cover expenses in lieu of taxes. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set Tax Rate: A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to set the 2018 Homestead rate at \$2.2102 and the 2018 Non-Residential rate at \$2.2947. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

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

Approve previous minutes: Jonathan O'Keefe motions to accept the minutes of the July 5, 2018 minutes as printed. Michael Strait seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.