

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2019

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Doug Niles, Jeff Noyes, Mark Castonguay, Ray Fontaine, Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

Update Agenda: Executive Session for a proposal from a company; Northeast Kingdom Collaborative request; Approve EV Grant Application; Appoint Sewer Commissioners

Sewer Commissioners Appointment: Jeanne Gervais made a motion to appoint Ralph Wilkins, Roland Barney and Lisa Moore as the Sewer Commissioners for staggered terms. Heather McElroy seconds, all in favor, so carried.

Public Comment: None

Road Department: Mark Castonguay said that the roads are in pretty good shape.

Joel Cope, Mark Castonguay and Marty Frizzell attended the Paving Project meeting in St. Johnsbury. The Hutchins Company will be doing the paving beginning in April and finishing up in November. They will also be renting a 400 Square foot office area in the Railroad Depot during this period at a cost of \$10 per square foot.

Mark said because there is money in the heavy equipment fund, he had a John Deere salesman come and look at the road equipment for consideration of trade in value toward new equipment.

Mark informed the board that he knocked down a fence on Pleasant Street.

Buildings and Maintenance: Joel Cope said that Ray's truck is ordered from the Ford Dealer in Montpelier and that we will be charged a state contract price. It will be eight weeks before delivery.

Recreation Dept.: Doug Niles said that they are still preparing for the upcoming Maple Fest.

RCP Transit recently donated \$500 to the Recreation Department and James O'Gorman sent a card and also donated \$300.

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

Overweight Permit: Jeanne Gervais made a motion to sign the overweight permits. Seconded by Heather McElroy. All in favor, so carried.

Liquor Licenses: The board signed the Liquor Licenses.

Northeast Kingdom Collaborative request: Katherine Sims, director of Northeast Kingdom Collaborative, invited the Town of Brighton to sign on as a potential partner with them for various grants that are geared toward recreation in the NEK. This may be beneficial in helping us in our goals in development of recreational projects such as mapping, and should not interfere with any other grants that we want to apply for on our own. Heather McElroy made a motion for Brighton to sign on as a potential partner with Northeast Kingdom Collaborative. Seconded by Jeanne Gervais, all in favor, so carried.

Electric Vehicle Grant: The electric vehicle grant is due by April 30th. This is for a charging station for electric vehicles. At this time the nearest charging station is in Barton. There may also be a grant for an electric bike charging station. We can apply for both. Joel Cope is going to look into this further. This would go along with part of the Revitalization Project. If we move forward with this, we need to designate a location for them.

Landworks Plan: Joel Cope shared a copy of the Island Pond Village Revitalization Master Plan with the board. Landworks would like to set a date for a public presentation of this. Joel will be in contact with them about setting a date for April 22nd at 6:00 PM in the gym or within a few days after. Michael also requested that Joel ask Landworks to provide a computer link of this presentation for the public.

Approve Minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 20th, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to accept the minutes as printed. Heath McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other Business: None

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 PM

Executive Session: The board approved a motion finding that public discussion of a proposal from a private company would put the town at a substantial disadvantage if made public; and then Jeanne Gervais made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider a proposal from a company. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.