

Brighton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Minutes of the special Selectboard meeting on May 15, 2019, at 10:00 AM. The board met with VTrans officials about the design for line painting after the recent paving project. The meeting entailed a village walk through of the proposed pavement markings with the select board. Attending were Mike Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Joel Cope, Brandon Kipp and a number of other people from VTrans.

- **Parking Spaces on the Bridge over Lightning Brook:** Eliminate the proposed parking spaces across from the tavern and on the bridge which crosses the Lightning Brook. This parking spaces are located between STA 220+00 RT to STA 221+25 RT. There would be white edge line in this area with no parking.

- **Crosswalk at Alder Street:** Before construction, there was a painted crosswalk across VT Route 105. This crosswalk branched the northern side of Alder Street to the southern end of Mill Street (Ace Hardware). This sidewalk would have been located at STA 223+60 in the project plans. The northern termini of Alder Street would (ideally) need a raised feature and a cross walk sign in front of Ace Hardware. These new features in of themselves would create potential issues with winter maintenance. Furthermore, if the concrete pad and detectable warning surface was left flush with the proposed top of pavement it wouldn't really define the limits of the intersection or provide a good pedestrian refuge area. A cross walk sign placed in the Ace Hardware parking lot would be prone to being damaged, especially if the sign had to installed outside of the limits of the raised feature.

The general census in the field was to relocate the crosswalk to the southern end of Alder Street and run the crosswalk perpendicular across VT Route 105. This location is located at approximately STA 226+25 in the project plans. This would eliminate two parking spaces on the eastern side of VT Route 105 (Lakeside). It is also important to note that there is a fire hydrant on eastern side of VT 105 would also require a gore hatching pattern to discourage parking. The entire eastern side of VT 105 within in the area of new sidewalk would be hatched out with exception of where the crosswalk terminates to the sidewalk. The crosswalk signs and arrows would also be relocated to the new crosswalk location.

- **Eliminate the exclusive righthand turning lane from Rail St. on to Cross St:** Based on the traffic information that we have, the exclusive righthand turning lane is not warranted. The intersection would function at a Level of Service (LOS) B without the turning lane. The exclusive righthand turning lane will be removed. (see attached email correspondence).

- **Eliminate truck climbing lane on E. Brighton Road (VT 105), shift centerline to create two thru-lanes and wider shoulders:** Since the milling has already been completed, it would be difficult to eliminate the truck climbing lane and shift centerline and still create an adequate cross-slope transition which would fit the existing horizontal geometry of the roadway. Ideally, this request should have been brought to our attention earlier in the design process. If this was known in advance, we could have designed a variable depth milling plan which could have transitioned the cross-slopes around curve. The milling has already been completed, so we're stuck with the existing geometry that's out there today. The state's recommendation is to stripe this area per plan.

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Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Thomas Donnellan, Mark Castonguay, Rick Hannux, Joel Cope, Teresa DeBonville, Ray Fontaine, Jeff Noyes, Maggie Machinist, and Doug Niles.

Chairperson, Michael Strait called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: The following items were added to the agenda: Nims adoption form, and royalty fees.

Public comment: Thomas Donnellan was present to discuss speeding on Pleasant Street. Mr. Donnellan asked the board's permission to put a yellow cone on the center line of the road by his property to try to slow drivers down. The board was ok with this. The town will also look into using the state's "speed limit" flashing sign again, which shows how fast cars are traveling when they pass by.

Road Department: Mark informed the board that the big dip on Mountain Street has subsided.

The Davis Road request had been tabled as the requestor did not attend the meeting.

Mark confirmed with the board the purchase of a new bucket loader through Nortrax at the cost of \$77,500.00 with a trade in and a set of new forks. Heather McElroy motions to allow Mark to purchase the bucket loader. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Mark informed the board that he has received a quote from Lafayettes on guardrails. This quote is \$700.00 less than the previous year. The board gave Mark permission to purchase these.

Mark informed the board it will cost around \$1800.00 to fix the bridge on Moise Woods Road. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to fix the bridge. Michael Strait seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to have Gray's paving shim and overlay the section on Alder Street between the Dollar General and Ace Hardware up to Michael Testut's property at the cost of \$8000.00. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel gave the board an example of a new three form driveway permit application. The board agreed this was a good example of a new application, and will work on coming up with a draft for the Town of Brighton.

Buildings and Maintenance: The flat roof at the railroad depot still needs to be repaired, as well as the window casings at the town hall.

Ray has been working on lawns.

Heather informed Ray that the bathroom door in the lobby at the town hall is broken. Ray will fix this as soon as possible.

Recreation department: Doug Niles informed the board that he will be resigning as recreation director in two weeks. His last day of employment will be May 29, 2019. Maggie Machinist asked the board if Doug would be able to still work on certain events if needed. The board was ok with this.

Appoint Planning board member: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to appoint Mark Vaillancourt to the vacancy on the Planning Board. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Royalty fees: All concerts in the park need to have a royalty license for copyrighted music; this will save the town from having to pay fees and fines. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to allow the forum to purchase the royalty license with the Town of Brighton being the name holder. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Request to purchase small lot at Middle & Railroad Street: Tabled.

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

Approve previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve the minutes as printed. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Rick Hannux was present to inform the board about a property on Railroad Street that may be doing an illegal burn. If this is the case, the law enforcement would need to be present for the fire department to be allowed to respond if an issue occurs. Joel will write a letter to the property owner on this situation.

Rick gave the board a quote on the purchasing and set up costs for an emergency generator. The board would like Rick to get one more estimate before making a final decision.

The Town clerk confirmed the leasing of a new copier with the board. The board agreed that this was ok.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.