

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2018

Present: Michael Strait, Jim Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Stacey Roese, Doug Niles, Ed Barber, Ray Fontaine, Mark Castonguay, Tom Hanlon, and Lisa Moore

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

Update Agenda: Approve 45th Parallel Proposal; Stacey Roese from the ATV Club to request access from Back Street to Town ATV roads.

Public Comment: Stacey Roese said that the ATV Club has decided to open Back Street to ATV's and an access route from there to the other Town ATV approved roads. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve opening Back Street to ATV's and access to the ATV approved roads pending that the route is not part of the State Highway. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor. Stacey Roese said that he would look into this.

Tom Hanlon had some follow up questions for the board concerning ATV's. (These questions are attached to these minutes) Tom's first question addressed the way the July 5th meeting was warned. It just said "ATV Club". Tom felt that this was not sufficient warning to the public and suggested that in the future it be more specific so as not to become an issue later.

He also asked about who our insurance company was and obtained this information earlier from Joel Cope.

Tom requested that his letter from the previous meeting be part of the minutes so that anyone can come and see a copy. The letter is attached to the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of the previous meeting and filed in the 2018 Selectboard Meeting Minutes book.

Tom also asked if any of the selectboard members were members of the ATV Club, since this could be a conflict of interest. None of the selectboard members are members of the ATV Club.

Tom shared information found in VT Title 23 VSA 3506 (b) (1). He pointed out that for roads to be properly posted the signs should read "Open to ATV's". This will ensure that other motor vehicles will be properly warned that they may encounter ATV's on these roads. Stacey Roesse said that he will notify the ATV club of these concerns and take measures to be sure that signs are posted in accordance with Title 23. Tom also pointed out that the speed limit signs for ATV's should be posted for 25 miles per hour. This way Jeff Noyes can enforce the speed limit if the signs are up.

Tom asked to be added to an email list so that he could be advised of upcoming Selectboard meetings and agendas. Joel Cope has added him to the email distribution list.

Tom emphasized that the first priority has to be public safety. He has seen several 14 year olds riding by his house without helmets or adult supervision. Stacey Roesse said that there is an ATV Class available for minors 12yrs old and up in which they obtain a certificate to operate an ATV on the trails. The law states that minors should be accompanied by an adult when riding ATV's. All riders should also be wearing helmets.

Tom wanted to be sure that when and if the ATV Club decides to open all town roads to ATV's that there will be a public meeting first. The Selectboard assured him that that is the intent.

The board and Stacey Roesse thanked Tom for sharing his concerns and valid points. Stacey pointed out that it can't all be one sided from the ATV riders perspective. It is good to hear and consider the concerns of non-riders and residents. The club is just getting started and they want to do all that they can to be compliant to the law and respectful of residents and land owners.

Buildings & Maintenance: Kingdom Construction has made a proposal for work on the Railroad Depot building. Jonathan made a motion to accept Kingdom Construction's proposal. Jim Cross seconds, all in favor.

Ray said that the ground has been prepared by the tennis court and hockey rink and is ready for hydro seeding.

Ray said that Meg Campbell, with the Preservation Trust, was here to inspect the outside of the Town Hall and see what work may need to be done. There is a water issue around some of the window casings that need to be repaired.

The Lake Association used the Pavilion area of the park and left three full trash cans. When the Chamber got ready to use the area they had to take care of this trash. In the future someone should contact Ray, so that they will not need to clean it up.

There has been a complaint about trash by the beach. Ray will continue to check for this.

45th Parallel Proposal: The Town received a proposal for ambulance coverage up until the end of the year from the 45th Parallel. For approximately \$72,000 they will use our ambulance and our staff along with one of their EMT's or Paramedic. The town would have coverage 24 hours a day at the station. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to accept the 45th Parallel offer. Jim Cross seconds, all in favor.

Jonathan thanked Michael Strait and Joel Cope for doing an incredible job working to get the Town ambulance coverage.

Roads: Mark said that he has the one ton back from repairs. Michael Strait asked that the lines get painted on our parking & crosswalks as soon as possible. He asked that next year they get painted before the 4th of July so that they look nice for our busiest time of year.

Michael asked Mark to have his crew trim up Mountain Street sidewalk area. Someone called and said that Pleasant Street and Lakeshore Drive have some areas that could also use trimming.

Mark still needs to put fill around the fire hydrant by the cemetery.

Michael Strait will be checking in with the State about when they will be fixing the culvert on Arthur John Road.

Recreational Department: Doug Niles said that the Kids Club is over for the summer. It was very successful. They averaged 15 children a day. They are now half way through the swim lessons program. There are 35 kids involved. Doug said the Pond-A-Thon will be the next recreation event. On that same day they also will have a band, awards will be given, a canoe race, a bouncy house and the second foosball tournament.

Appoint Water/Sewer Commissioner: The waterboard had made a recommendation to appoint Lisa Moore as a water commissioner. Jonathan O’Keefe made a motion to appoint Lisa Moore as water commissioner. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Castrogiavanni property: The outside of the Castrogiavanni has been cleaned up a lot. Joe Arborio will be going to do an inspection on the inside once they are finished cleaning. After that, it will be up to the selectboard to decide whether to let the health order and court order go.

Request for Cabinet in Town Hall: There is an old cabinet not being used in the Town Hall. Frank Allard made a request to buy it for \$50.00 dollars. Jonathan O’Keefe made a motion to accept Frank Allard’s offer. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Pay Orders: Pay orders were reviewed and signed.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes were reviewed from July 18th. Jonathan O’Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Ambulance update: Zoll heart monitor bid – Jonathan made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the bid for a the zoll heart monitor.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM