

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2019

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Stacey Roese, Mark Castonguay, Ray Fontaine, Doug Niles, Joel Cope, Timothy Graham, Jonathan Gilbert and Lisa Moore

Updates: Stacey Roese to speak on Road Access for ATV's from Back St.; Chamber of Commerce letter request for membership; Jonathan Gilbert request to sign letter of support; Timothy Graham request for Town to fix damage to building; Executive Session

Tim Graham said that the Post Office building had been accidentally damaged by Ray Fontaine while he was removing snow this winter. He spoke on behalf of the owner, Bob Basil, and requested that the Town pay for the repair. The selectboard asked him to get a bid on the cost of the repair and the Town will either pay for it outright or submit an insurance claim.

Jonathan Gilbert, Executive Director of Northwoods Stewardship Center, requested that the selectboard sign a letter of support for their plans to expand its capacity for recreational and corporate event hosting. He pointed out that their growth would in turn benefit our Town. More and more people will be visiting their center and will need places to spend the night, shop for food and supplies. Jeanne Gervais made a motion to sign the letter of support. Heather McElroy seconds, all in favor, so carried.

Stacey Roese, was present to speak on behalf of the Tri-County ATV Club. He has been working on making the ATV trails accessible to and from Back Street. Last year the selectboard gave the ATV Club permission to open Back Street and Main Street to ATV's to enable access to the other Town ATV approved roads, pending that the route was not part of the State Highway. As it turned out, there was a small area of State Highway to cross. Stacey has since communicated with the State Highway Department concerning the matter and they are willing to allow ATV's to cross this particular piece of highway as long as the Selectboard has no objections. Stacey has also obtained permission from land owners to pass through the edge of their properties to Curran Avenue. The route that would be used for ATV's would be from Main Street, over the bridge, off the highway onto Pepin's

land past his Garage, through a small area owned by Brosseau, to the road in front of Colcombes, to Curran Avenue, across the highway to Back Street. The board has no objection to the use of these roads for ATV's. Jeanne Gervais made a motion to sign the VASA ATV State Highway Access Application in support of this decision. Heather McElroy seconds, all in favor, so carried.

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association asked for a letter of support regarding an application for a grant. Heather McElroy made a motion to sign the letter in support of Northern Borders grant that will increase economic opportunity associated with outdoor recreation projects such as trail development, mapping and other related work. Jeanne Gervais seconds, all in favor, so carried.

Road Dept.: There are dips in the road on Mountain Street and Lakeshore Drive. Mark cannot get cold patch at this time and there is still frost in the ground. He will put these on his summer list to fix.

Frank Allard has made a request for the road department to fix the bridge on Moise Woods Road. This is the Town's Bridge #18 and the Town is responsible for fixing it. Mark will go up and repair the decking.

Mark is getting pricing on paving for the lower section of Alder Street. This section can be paved now because the water lines were already replaced in the 90's, so they will not need to tear the pavement up again.

There was a complaint that garbage had been dumped up on the Henshaw Road by the sandpit. Jeff Noyes was made aware of the problem and was going to investigate. Mark Castonguay also saw the garbage and found a name and address inside one of the bags.

Mark got some trade in offers for the bucket loader and backhoe from John Deere. Heather McElroy advised Mark to try to get more offers that are higher trade-in values before they make a decision.

Michael Strait requested that Mark put together a work list so that when someone in the community ask about what the road crew is working on, he will

have a clear answer for them. Mark said that in the summer they are mostly spreading gravel and ditching roads.

The Town received the specs for the Arthur John Road Box Culvert. Invitation for bids were sent out to potential contractors. Sealed bids will be accepted until May 30th and will be opened on June 5th at the selectboard meeting and read aloud.

The Lakeshore Association needs sign posts for their signs. Mark will give them any that they need.

On May 15th at 10:00 AM, Jon Kaplan will be coming to discuss where the striping will be on roads being paved. They want to be sure that the paving company knows where the sidewalk area will be.

Michael Strait asked Mark Castonguay to have the road department work on the Mountain Street sidewalk area by trimming and cleaning up the brush up to the trailhead area of Bluff Mountain. The Green Mountain Club will be here on June 22nd, to do a trail dedication, so he would like it done before that.

Buildings and Maintenance: The roof has been repaired on the Railroad Depot building. The Flat roof still needs to be done.

Jeanne Gervais would like to see our streets swept two times a year. This matter will be revisited after the first sweep.

Ray took down the skating rink fencing.

Michael ordered 36 new banners, but he still needs to order the brackets. The board would like to see the banners and flags up before the 16th of May. The Legion should be responsible for taking the flags down so that they don't get ruined by being left up too long.

NEKLS has requested a key to the building for their cleaning lady. The cleaning person comes on weekends. The board does not want to give out another key. Joel suggested that they work something out by calling Ray.

Michael Strait plans to look into an electronic lock system that may help remedy these types of situations.

The heating problem has been fixed downstairs.

Recreation Department: John Zicconi from Vermont Transit has requested the gym for a public meeting for the purpose of renaming Route 105 from Derby to Bloomfield in memory of Mark Biron. He still needs to come up with a date.

The floor company has not gotten back to us with a date yet for when they can resurface the gym floor.

Doug Niles is doing two days of Tai Chi classes after school. He said it will be slow until summer program starts. He is repainting his office. When weather permits, he wants to redo the volleyball court and shuffle board court.

The residents at Sunrise Manor would like Brighton Recreation to provide them with a Shuffle board court and croquet set and area. The board discussed having a sign out and in sheet for the use of a croquet set and also the possibility of having a certain day and time set aside for this event. Doug Niles will be in touch with Sunrise Manor on this.

Doug said that he made an agreement to purchase a large tent for \$300.

The board discussed needing a shaded area near the playground, since there are no trees. Heather suggested something like a shade sail that is attached to a post. The board will look into ideas for this.

Brush Dump Opening & Schedule: Duane Powers would like the brush dump to open this weekend. Heather McElroy made a motion to have the dump open Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM beginning May 4th. Jeanne Gervais second, all in favor, so carried.

Lake Greeter Program: The Lakeshore Association will be responsible for hiring the lake greeters.

Validate Municipal Resolution for the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Grant:

Jeanne Gervais made a motion to validate the municipal resolution for the electric vehicle supply equipment grant. Heather McElroy second, all in favor, so carried.

Pay Orders: The Town's pay orders were reviewed and approved.

Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of April 17th, 2019. Heather McElroy made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Michael Strait seconds, all in favor, so carried.

Other Business: The Brighton Chamber of Commerce has requested that the selectboard become members of their board. Heather made a motion for the selectboard members to become members of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce. Jeanne Gervais seconds, all in favor, so carried.

At this time, the board went into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a recycling attendant. The board decided to hire Charlotte Rumble-Petre and Bruce Rumble-Petre. They will work one at a time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.