

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

JULY 3, 2019

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Evie Kinney, Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

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

Update Agenda: Decide where to put two aquatic signs; Approve Joel Cope as a signer for road grant project; Parade permit

Public Comment: Evie Kinney, employee of RCP, was present to discuss the park bench that had been damaged by an RCP employee when he was plowing snow. RCP had agreed to fix the granite park bench but they felt that the estimate given by the granite company was high. They offered to have one of their employees fix the bench. The selectboard reasoned that the granite company professionalizes in this area and that their work would be guaranteed. Also there could be a liability issue if the bench were to break again and possibly hurt someone because it wasn't professionally fixed. The board decided that it was best to stick with having the granite company fix the bench and then to send the bill to RCP.

Approve Joel as Signer of Grant Project: Heather McElroy made a motion to give Joel Cope authority to be the designated signer for the Letter of Interest for the next Grant-in-aid road project. Jeanne Gervais seconds, all in favor, so carried.

Aquatic Signs: There are two aquatic signs to be put up. One is to be put up by the Town Beach and the other is to be put by the Town dock.

Road Dept: Arthur John Culvert Project: Dan Ouimette needs to sign an application for this grant project. The culvert will be delivered July 15th to the Town Garage.

Driveway Access Policy: The board reviewed our draft new Driveway Access Policy requested by the road foreman. This new policy will allow the road foreman to have greater control over access to protect the town's highway system. The new process involves a three-stage permitting process.

Road & Bridge Standards: Vtrans is requesting that towns confirm their road standards every year in order to get maximum financial help in the event of a road problem such as a large washout due to a storm. Towns also have to comply with the new Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) that applies to those roads that connect hydrologically to the waters of the state, to avoid runoff that contributes to polluting those waters. There are different standards in each and the state has provided a new form that combines those standards and gives towns the option to adopt more strict or less strict standards. The board will review the documents and take this up next meeting.

Appoint Library Trustee: Jeanne Gervais made a motion to appoint Susan Vera as Library Trustee. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Swim Program: The board authorized hiring Doug Niles for the program as a seasonal or temporary employee. He will then be covered by the town's liability insurance.

Summer Program: Jeanne Gervais made a motion to authorize the employment of Liberty O'Neal, Josiah Kocis and Jacob Kocis for the summer program contingent on the findings of record checks. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Rental Survey: In accordance with Act 48, our local Health Officer is now required to provide data on rental housing inspections and any violations of the Rental Housing Health Code.

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

Previous Minutes: The board reviewed the previous selectboard meeting minutes of June 19, 2019. Heather McElroy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jeanne Gervais seconds, all in favor so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.