

SELECTBOARD MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2019

Present: Michael Strait; Jeanne Gervais; Heather McElroy; Ed Barber; Jeff Noyes; Bruce Rumball-Petre; Mark Castonguay; Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

Michael Strait called the meeting to order.

Update Agenda: FLAP; Road Sign for Patrick Road

Mary Healey was issued an E911 number quite some time ago but is still having issues with delivery companies. Mark will be getting her a private road sign that says Patrick Road. The one she has says Patrick Street.

Road Dept.: Heather Johnson is able to get us a Better Roads Grant for \$26,000. It will cover 80% of a \$32,000 project. We would use this money to cover work that needs to be done on the Head of the Pond Road near Atwood Drive. Jeanne Gervais made a motion to sign the grant agreement. Heather McElroy seconds, all in favor, so carried.

Jeanne Gervais would like to see the sand swept up in the downtown area. Rather than hiring the big truck sweeper she thinks it could be done with a couple of push brooms a couple of hours every two weeks. Michael Strait asked Mark Castonguay to meet Ray Fontaine and come up with a plan.

FLAPS: The Federal Lands Agency Program has grants that could help us pay for transportation improvements that make access to the Conte Wildlife Refuge easier, such as a new intersection. The application for the grant is due August 31, 2019. We would need to come up with a design and an estimate and have our application in by that date. Joel will try to line up the Down Town Project with this plan and let us know if it can all be worked out.

Set Tax Rate: Jeanne Gervais made a motion to approve the tax rate being: \$2.2606 for the Homestead Rate and \$2.3095 for Non-Residential. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Main St. – Railroad St name: Kingdom Market was selling their property and they thought that they were on Railroad Street. Joel checked the Grand List and it says Main Street. Heather McElroy made a motion to name the section of road between the main downtown intersection and Alder Street to be Railroad Street. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

VEC: Vermont Electric Company has scheduled a meeting next Wednesday, Aug 14th, to discuss the relocation of lines and poles on Cross Street. They want us to pay them \$250 for the estimate and Consolidated Communications wants \$225 and we don't know yet what Comcast will charge. Some lines will be buried on Cross Street and the high voltage lines will get rerouted to Alder Street. Michael Strait said we also need to contact Kingdom Fiber.

Park Tree Removal Request: The board discussed a written request from Bob and Sharon Dexter asking to remove a tree that is blocking the visibility of their Irving sign. The law reads that we can't cut down a public shade tree without a Tree Warden Hearing and approval of the Tree Warden. The board asked Joel to invite Bob and Sharon to the next meeting to negotiate an alternative that makes everyone happy.

Additional Hours for Employee: The Town has years of Zoning Permit applications that need to be digitized so that information can be more easily accessed. Jeanne Gervais made a motion to approve five more work hours per week for Michelle Wilcox to work on a Zoning Permit Project until the project is finished. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the July 17th, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve the minutes as printed. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Validate last meeting decisions: Jeanne Gervais made a motion to validate decisions made at the last meeting. Heather McElroy seconds, all in favor, so carried.

Other Business: Heather Johnson has informed Joel that they also have grants for the potential storm water improvements on Cross St. The board gave Joel Cope permission to apply for any grants that we can use.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM