

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 15, 2020

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Stacey Roesse, Tom Donnellan, Joe Arborio, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Updates to the Agenda: Discussion on Bulky Day, use of the gym, Town Health Officer (dogs and covid-19), UTG use of the town hall, Middle Street intersection, speeding on Pleasant Street, and questions on pickle ball were added to the agenda.

The board discussed the holding of the next Bulky Day. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to hold one more bulky day in 2020 which would be held on September 12. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. A permit will be required; and a flyer stating the exact items that are allowed at Bulky Day will be handed out with the permit.

Unified Towns and Gores has asked to use the town hall in September to hold their annual meeting. No decision has been made at this time; the board said to wait and see if the covid guidelines will change before they give a definite answer.

Joe Arborio was present to report to the board on 2 dog bites in town. Joe also discussed with the board about the covid-19 pandemic and that the key was mask wearing. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to send a letter to the governor requesting him to make it mandatory to wear a mask in any public space indoors. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board received a request for use of the gym for basketball. Because it is summer and the pandemic is still in effect; the board will deny the request for the gym use; but if the outside court needs any kind of work to be utilized, the board grants permission for this to be done.

The board will take no action on the request for signage at the Middle Street intersection by the medical center.

Thomas Donnellan was present to discuss speeding on Pleasant Street. This has been an ongoing situation, and the board will look into temporary speed bumps to place on Pleasant Street to see if this will rectify this problem.

It was asked if the lines on the tennis court for pickle ball would be done soon. Joel will contact the company to see the status on when they will be available.

Public comment: Stacy Roesse was present on behalf of the ATV Club to clarify town roads open to the ATVs. Some roads were not clarified in previous motions so the ATV Club is asking that

the board motion to clarify the following list as written. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve the following list. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

1. 5-mile Square Road (TH15) from 10-Mile Square Road to MP 1200.
2. 5-Mile Square Road (TH-15) from MP 1500, extending 0.6 miles and ending at Route 105.
3. 10-Mile Square Road (TH-7) from 5-Mile Square Road to MP 1000.
4. Cross Street
5. Rt. 105 E and over the Railroad Bridge as far as Pepin's land. (The route continues on private parcels on the west side of RT 105E as far as Curran Ave, where ATVS are permitted by the State of Vermont to cross RT. 105 E onto Back Street)
6. Back Street
7. Alder Street
8. Pleasant Street
9. Meadow Street
10. Railroad Street from Meadow Street to the property currently owned by McMahon (OORRST.12L)
11. Lakeshore Drive
12. Arthur John Road
13. Head of the Pond Road
14. Newark Road
15. Middle Street
16. Derby street
17. Mountain Street
18. South Street from Pepin's Garage (Rt105) to Maple Street
19. Maple Street
20. Elm Street
21. Birch Street

Road Department: Northwoods is suggesting adding more parking at the Bluff Mountain Trailhead. The board agrees this should be done. This is possible with a little work; which costs would be used as the required match for the VOREC Grant. Paul Chambers will contact Mark to work out the details of the project and the starting date.

Buildings and maintenance: Ray will work on fixing the lights on the footbridge that are out. These are LED Lights and the bulbs just need to be replaced.

Recreation: The town received an email from Northwoods stating that the Kingdom Trail Scramble has been cancelled for 2020.

Personnel: The diversity training for town employees will tentatively be held in late August or early September.

Set tax rate: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to set the 2020 homestead rate at \$2.3779 and the non-homestead rate at \$2.3595. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Junk Vehicle update: Joel gave the board an update on the junk vehicle issue. All but two have contacted Joel and have cooperated. Joel will send letters to the two who have not responded.

Dog issues: The board wants to look into sending Scott Buchman for training. As soon as something becomes available, we will contact Scott.

Fireworks: The board has looked into having a town ordinance put in place for fireworks. Under state statute there is no ordinance power for towns to regulate fireworks and towns have to rely on state law and the state police for this issue. Law enforcement would have act on behalf of the town to issue tickets and enforce any state law on this issue.

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

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the July 1, 2020 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: The board approved and signed a Thank You letter to Joe and Pam Arborio for the stained-glass pains above the entrance of the town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.