

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2021

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Mark Castonguay, Paul Chambers, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Update Agenda: The agenda was updated to discuss which company to hire to do a CPA Audit.

The board reviewed the information collected on firms available to conduct a CPA Audit. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to hire and sign the work agreement with Telling and Hillman P.C. from Middlebury Vermont. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: None.

Road department: Mark informed the board that the new dump truck should be ready next week. The board wants cost figures on the extended warranty in writing before acting on this matter.

Joel asked if the board decided to do a traffic study on Pleasant Street; which was suggested before speed bumps could be placed. Mark will speak with Doug Norton on this matter.

Building and maintenance: Bruce spoke with Anita Gervais about the flower barrels. Once these are done and placed around town; Bruce will make sure that these are watered when needed.

The park benches have been placed out.

The picnic tables have been placed out.

Bruce has put up the goose decoys and fence at the beach.

Bruce discussed with the board about placing dog waste depot stations around town. The board agreed this was a good idea. Bruce will look into the cost of purchasing these.

The Welcome to Island Pond Lakeside Park sign is in need of repair. The poles have rotted. Bruce will work on replacing these.

It was asked what would be done with the old dock. The board agreed that we would put it up for sale.

Mike has asked Bruce to look over the spring banners and to let him know if any of them need to be replaced or any parts need to be ordered. Bruce will let Mike know.

Recreation Department: Bruce and Paul have taken down the skating rink boards. Paul asked the board if they were ok with him painting them. The board was ok with this. Paul will be working on this at the old town garage.

Paul received one quote for the tennis court repairs. Once Paul has all three of them; he will bring this before the board to choose.

Paul received three quotes for bike repair stations. This will be covered from the VOREC Grant funds. The board agreed that it was Paul's choice on which one he would like to purchase.

The board discussed placement of trash cans in the park area. This has been a problem in the past. The board agreed that it would be ok to place a few cans out on a trial basis.

Annual meeting with VTRANS date: Joel will schedule a date with VTRANS to hold the annual meeting virtually. Once a date is confirmed, Joel will let Mark and the board know.

Downtown project engineering RFP: Joel informed the board that the Engineering Request for Proposals was out; and there has been lots of interest. Responses are due by 3:30 PM on Friday, April 23, 2021.

Approve Cannabis Town Meeting and Informational meeting: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM for the informational meeting; and Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM as the Australian ballot vote. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Covid stimulus funding: Michael sent the other board members information to review on stimulus funding available for municipalities.

Personnel: Nothing.

Pay orders: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to allow Michael Strait sign the general pay orders and the road department pay orders. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Overweight permits: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to sign the overweight permits set forth to the town. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Liquor License renewals: The board reviewed the liquor license renewals for the Brighton Post #80 American Legion, and the Island Pond Country Market and Deli. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve and sign the renewals. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 17, 2021 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: Mike and Joel discussed with the other board members the upcoming upgrades needed at the waste water treatment plant and the water facilities. Mike and Joel have been meeting with the water commissioners, the state, engineers and Piscataqua. Joel is working on grant applications for these projects.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.