

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2021

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Linda Roth, Paul Chambers, Lynda and Neal Yates, Lisa Cooper, Maria Perry, Mark Castonguay, Troy Sheltra, Lylene and Ralph Dodge, Bruce Webster, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Updates: Railroad Street building, Town hall usage, status of CUD.

Public comment: Troy Sheltra was present to discuss an issue with the town health officer. The board discussed with Mr. Sheltra his request for the dismissal of the health officer. The board informed Mr. Sheltra that they would take his concerns and request under advisement; but would not dismiss the health officer at this time.

Linda Roth was present to discuss the Moise Woods Road and how it washes all the gravel out when it storms and in the spring. Mrs. Roth is willing to give the town an easement across her property to put in culverts so this won't happen. The town would maintain the culvert and install it.

Ralph Dodge was present to place a formal complaint about his neighbors and the zoning violation on the property. The select board informed Mr. Dodge that this is in the Development Review Board's hands at this time.

Lynda Yates asked the board if there was any interest in AFLAC from the employees. The town clerk will speak with the employees and contact Lynda if there is interest.

Lisa Cooper was present to ask permission for the Women's Auxiliary to hold a coin drop on September 4, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to grant permission for the coin drop, pending proof of liability insurance from the auxiliary. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Road department: The radar signs are up.

Mark informed the board that the backhoe broke, but is now fixed.

Doug Morton from NVDA will meet with Mark on Thursday to discuss which project to do through the MRGP Grant.

Building and maintenance: The board reviewed the footbridge inspection agreement. A motion was made to allow Joel Cope to sign the inspection agreement by Heather McElroy. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Recreation: Paul reviewed with the board two options for painting the lines on the basketball court. One would be to put down a resurfaces, coatings and premier sports line painting for the cost of \$6,388.00. The second option would be just the sports line painting for the cost of \$1,546.00. The board would like to go with option number two.

Paul gave the board a report on the kid's summer program; which was very successful this year.

Dog issues: Jeff has given the owner of the dogs on Birch Street a ticket for \$250.00; and has told her that if the dogs continue to be a nuisance they would be seized.

Joel will get a job description for Scott on exactly what his duties are.

The board would like Bruce to put up notice that dog licenses are due September 13, 2021.

Request for town hall usage: Northern Counties Health Care is requesting use of the hall for Covid testing on Wednesday and Friday. The board is ok with this, except for Friday September 17, 2021 as the hall is booked that day.

Another request for use of the town hall was made by the Department of Natural Resources. No action was taken on this request.

Personnel: Nothing.

Railroad Street House: The health officer has called and left messages with the owner on the cleanup of the Railroad Street house that burnt. She will now send a letter stating this is a public health hazard. If the town receives no response; the town will have to pay to clean up the property and place a lien on it.

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

Review previous meeting minutes: Tabled.

Other business: Michael Strait updated the board on the status of the CUD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.