

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Present: Noah Bond, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Stacey Roesse, Andy Martin, Lisa Cooper, and Bruce Rumball-Petre.

Attending virtually: Mike Strait, Joel Cope, Bruce Webster, Kirsten Dipietro-Worden, and Teresa DeBonville.

Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Updates to the Agenda: Engineering Firm, Vt. Electric Co-Op document, and pay orders.

Kirsten Dipietro-Worden, the technical engineer from Hoyle and Tanner presented a public meeting, which is required by the state on the Brighton Wastewater Treatment Facility Refurbishment Project. Kirsten did a power point presentation on the project and opened the floor for any questions. Kirsten informed the board that the state will now require that the public have 30 days to comment or question following this meeting.

Vt. Electric Co-Op requested that the board approve and sign a town road right-of-way occupancy form. This form states that the town allows overhead wires to cross our town highway on Mountain Street to supply power to a property owner. The board approve the request, and signed the form.

The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the road department expense account and the general expenses account.

Public comment: None.

Snowmobile Access and Review: It was noted that the Head Of The Pond Road from the intersection of The Head Of The Pond Road and Lakeshore Drive all the way to the Big Head Of The Pond Road is now open to snowmobilers. It was also noted that behind the Brighton Fire Station is closed.

Approve previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2023 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Heather McElroy. Stacey Roesse seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Noah reported to the board all the projects the employees had been working on, and the projects they will continue to work on.

The board went into executive session regarding town liability as it related to the previous Sheriff for the Town of Brighton. Executive session lasted from 6:41 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Out of Executive Session the board agreed to allow the Town Manager to reward town employees with various incentives throughout the year. The board indicated that the Town Manager should use his discretion when utilizing town funds but approved that town funds could be utilized in this manner.

A motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting and go into executive session to discuss probable civil litigation and liability for the town regarding allegations against the former police chief was made by Heather McElroy. Stacey Roese seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.