

SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM
MEETING ROOM – WILLEY BUILDING

Those attending: Selectboard: Fred Ducharme, Ruth Goodrich, John Cookson, Mike Hogan

Town: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc

Other: Jeff Haslett, Sandy Ponds, Jenn Miner, Lisa Ginett, Maria Goodrich, Jim Goodrich, Frank Kampf, Aldo Nunn, Jessica Miller, Gary Gulka, Larry Gochey, Irv Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order by Fred Ducharme at 6:04 pm.
2. Approve Agenda – Mike 1st, Ruth 2nd. Fred asked if there were any additions or corrections. Betty to go in executive session for a personnel issue. John will be here shortly. We want to defer Personnel Policy #6. Motion passed with the changes.
3. Approve Minutes from August 20, 2019 – Should be September 19, Ruth 1st and Mike 2nd. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment –
 - a. Sandy offered to paint the fire station sign and a week later she got the sign done and gave it back to them and expecting for the sign to be put back up. The sign still has not been put back up. Sandy has asked Betty to put it back up. She has notified Andy and Skip. Ruth said the Andy is going to put a coat of paint on the sign to preserve it.
 - b. Minutes don't have the To Do list. Betty said it is her fault that she didn't put it on the agenda, it will be from here on out.
 - c. Jessica wondered about the results of the water. Ruth said all "the big bad stuff" came back non detectable. Jessica said there is one on that is concerning. Ruth said that one came back and will do a retest. Jessica one concerning is equal to a big one that is bad. The chemical testing on the state did on the water a little bit ago. The bad chemical is "(HFPODA) Hexafluoropropyleneoxide dimer A". It is above the standard. Ruth said this is testing that the state standard not the town standard. Jessica stated this is a replacement chemical for something else and believes that someone should pursue it. Jeff was wondering about the consumer water info they get once a year if those chemicals are on there. Are we testing annually on these dangerous chemicals.
 - d. Jeff commented on two items on the "To do" list two items is the Class 4 roads and Last Road and would like to discuss them. Irv Robbins was going to be the person to research Class 4 roads, but Irv is going to un-volunteer. Irv believes that many people have the idea that those who live on Class 4 roads are secondary citizens. He thinks he volunteers enough time to fix Last Road to plow easily. It was good when Dave Pike was on. He mowed side the roads and asked for a load of gravel and he delivered.
 - e. Jeff would like to find out the statistics on the calls that the fire dept. went on.
 - f. Jeff said Sandy has volunteered an operations officer for the emergency management system. She is wondering if before she publishes anything would the selectboard like to see it. Ruth would like for the selectboard to review it. Sandy is wondering if there is anything in the budget for advertising. Mike stated there is no money in this year's budget. Jeff handed out Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies.
5. Trails – Announcement of a breakfast meal – Gary Gulka is on the trails committee wanted to keep the selectboard informed on what they are doing. They are having an informational breakfast on October 26. A letter was sent to around 60 landowners to join them for a breakfast for an informational meeting. Would also like to invite the selectboard members to attend.
6. Personnel Policy – Review Highway section - differed for another time.
7. Water/Wastewater – Ruth has nothing new.
8. Road Commissioner
 - a. McKinstry Road – Frank has been asked to speak for the road. Wants to give background on the road. The road is divided into a Class 4 A and B road. This only applies for Class 4A part. The 4A portion starts on Whittier Hill Road and goes downhill the whole way. Less than 2 10ths of a mile. The grade at the top of the road is steep. After it reaches the first driveway and drops and has banks. All the water funnels into the road. There are sections of the road with large rocks sticking out. The history is this past spring is the first time that we have experienced the town doing work on the road. They greatly appreciated. This is the first time for the response. We do a lot of maintenance to keep that road passable. We try to our utmost to do the road. Part

of the road was re-stoned and we are worried about the rest of the road in the spring. If the town will at least bring stone and we will take care of it. If the town doesn't have time, they would like to get stone and get reimbursed for the lower section. John said we did take care of the upper road. He did look at the culverts. He would like to have a culvert replaced on Maria's old house. But that would be at owner's expense.

John did ask Rusty get the grader down there and they cannot get a grader in there unless we wider the road. Frank said they don't want the grader but would like stone. John will need to review the policy on a Class 4 road. We can't start in May on the class 4 roads. John would like to have the date be June 1 thru September 1st. Frank said they are happy to get stone but are requesting more stone. Ruth asked where Ian's house and his big trucks going down that road. Ruth asked if they would talk to him to have him drop stone. Lisa said only dropped stone when he got stuck. When he got stuck he drops stone. Lisa has been there for 30 years and has fixed the road but now her husband has cancer and can't do that anymore. They would like some material and they will do the box scraping. John explained that they would like to give you stone but the time table is not good. Also, it might set precedent on giving more work on class 4 roads. Ruth said it needs to be passable. John would like to make sure the road is safe. In the future looking at the class 4 road how many people get on the road. John would like to give them two ten wheeler truck loads. Lisa is saying 700' on the road. Ruth would like to make it three loads. Jim said they will keep the culverts clear. John would like to check the culverts in the spring.

Mike thinks we should look at every situation separately and keep a line in the budget for Class 4 roads. Ruth motioned to put three loads in McKinstry Road and Mike 2nd. Motion passed.

- b. Winter Maintenance Agreement – John said the town has hired him to do the sidewalk plowing. It was a board decision
- c. Extra Paving – Old Route 2 John would like to request \$5,316 out of the general fund. Ruth votes to spend \$5,316 Mike 2nd. Motion passed.
- d. Proposal - New 10-wheeler Truck to replace Rusty's truck – John we got the truck back. Did the belt fall off? John asked Aldo and it didn't. John talked to McCloud's and they think they fixed it. John thinks if that truck is fixed and can use it for the winter. We could buy it. Fred said when we buy a truck does the extended warranty work. John thinks we lease it the drive train is good on the lease. On Sid's truck the extended warranty is the life of the truck. Fred asked if the truck is going to be down gone. Aldo said that when it is down it is down for two hours. John would like to drive that truck to see if the belt will last. Fred was wondering if they will be safe and comfortable driving that truck. John's not sure. Aldo said it probably will last like last year. Aldo said they will haul sand for the next two weeks. John would like to see how it goes and if it needs to be traded or not. Mike said he would like to not put too much burden on the taxpayers. Aldo said the truck would be ready from Clark's at the end of November. John said we would know within a couple of weeks.
- e. Proposal - New Roadside mower – John said Aldo is doing his homework on the tractor and looking over the mower. John would have three different prices. Aldo had two one \$120,000 and \$140,000.
- f. Proposal – New Skid steer/bobcat – John has the price on the skid steer. Sid said that it is \$40,000 with the attachments mower, sweeper, snow blower, sander on the back and diesel, and on wheels.
- g. Other business – John said there are panels down to recycle center. They were panels leftover from building the garage. Aldo said they don't need them and they have moved them four times. Need to get rid of them. They are in the newspaper For Sale this week and next week.
- h. Mike heard that we weren't going to have another bulk removal day. He thought that we were going to have two drop off days. John is not opposed to do the removal day but he doesn't think that the people aren't cleaning their lawns. Fred thinks that we should do that. John isn't opposed to it. Mike thinks it's a good PR and encourage people to pick up. John is wondering if we could help people who have a dumpster. Fred said we can't make it on one person it has to be the whole community. Mike asked Aldo if he has seen more stuff on the back roads. They do think it is cleaner. Mike would like to support for two next year. Fred asked about the hazardous material. John said it was very busy on hazardous material. John thinks hazardous every two years.
- i. Irv just came thru Woodbury and the ash bore has been going thru that town. It would be proactive to start moving the trees hanging over the road. John said we did get a list from Roland Payne Jr. Betty said that he is checking them out. Irv said part 2 is taking the ones out that are hanging over the road. Mike is wondering if they are cutting them and chipping them or what they are doing. Irv did not know. Betty talk to a logger and that the state of Vermont has advised loggers to cut mostly ash and get the ash out. John said up at Ken Denton's they been getting out of his property.

9. Town Clerk's Office

- a. Orders - done
- b. Trails Municipal Grant – An amended resolution for the grants. It was Jack Daniels and now it needs to be change to another selectboard member and an alternate. Ruth nominated Fred. Ruth called the vote motion passed. As an alternate Fred nominated Mike. Motion passed.
- c. Credit Card – Last time we passed a resolution on a credit card so the Library can have a credit card. Mike needs to sign the paperwork because he is the board clerk. Jessica asked why a credit card is needed. Betty explained that some places take a credit card. If you need it quicker, a credit card is requested.
- d. Other business – Explained that we will need to develop a website policy. We don't want to do advertising on the website. Betty also has a FEMA flood meeting that she has given the letter to Fred, Ruth and will give one to Gary Gulka and Chuck Marian.
- e. Front Porch Forum is having another fund raiser and would the selectboard like to donate. Ruth would like to donate the same as last year. Betty will give the same amount, which was \$200.00.
- f. Jeff is wondering about VT alert. Betty gets that on her phone.

10. Other Business –

- a. Mike asked Aldo if he heard more on the class 4 roads from the state. Frank wanted to do his comments and Ruth said to wait for John and Betty and I agreed.
- b. Sandy has a question on the website for a piece on the Emergency Preparedness. Jeff said the Jennifer Miner would be willing to help with the Emergency Preparedness. Jeff, Sandy and Jennifer will work together.
- c. Fred wanted to know when the next Willey Building committee meeting is. It is Monday, October 28 at 6 pm.
- d. Ruth would like Jenn to do an update on the building inspections. Jenn, Ruth, and Betty have developed a checklist on the Cabot buildings. Hoping to do some this week and get them all done before the snow flies. Jeff asked if they would be looking at the school. Ruth said no. Sandy is wondering who she should notify for the school. She will need to contact the Caledonia Supervisory Union.
- e. The bids should be coming in on October 15th for the property on Old Route 2.
- f. Sandy has a question on the class 4 roads. If she was going to do a survey what would she need to get for information? Jeff said if you looked at all the Class 4 roads on how much snow and mud they get and who they are. Frank explained that Class 4 roads are like a driveway and they are willing to take care of it themselves. They need to take care of them themselves.

11. A motion was made by Mike Hogan and seconded by John to go into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. We came out of Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. A motion was then made by Ruth and seconded by John that the GIS Mapping Coordinator position would remain with the Zoning Administrator and Michelle Leclerc. This will insure that any editing will be by two people instead of everyone changing everything.

12. Adjourn – A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by John to adjourn. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer