

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, June 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Meeting with Meeting with ZOOM

Telephone and Computer Audio

5:30 Bid Opening

Those attending for the bid opening: Selectboard: Mike Hogan, John Cookson, Matt Nally, Fred Ducharme

Town: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc

Other: Doug Newton, Hebert Construction, Avery Construction, G&N Excavation, Munson Earthmoving, N. A. Manosh

The meeting was held with the above construction companies. The bids were opened. There was a suggestion that Doug Newton to get together with Mike and John to review the bids. They will meet on Friday morning at 9:00 in the Town Clerk's Office. We will then have a special meeting on Monday at 5:00 to determine who will be rewarded the bid for Porter Road.

6:00 Meeting Selectboard Meeting

Select board: Mike Hogan, John Cookson, Matt Nally, Fred Ducharme, by remote: Ruth Goodrich

Town: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc

Others (by remote): Ellen Cairns, Brittany Butler, Steve Godin, Jeannette Cole, Aaron Page, Jenn Miner, Val Covell

1. Call meeting to order – the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – Mike moved that we accept the agenda with one change that we move Executive Session to the end; Matt seconded. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from Remote Selectboard Meeting May 19, 2020 and May 21. Mike moved that we accept the minutes as written, seconded by John. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment –
 - a. Betty read a letter from Brittany Butler about people being in the library after hours. Matt: Is there more than one person? Brittany: She can't be sure but there were possibly 2 people. Matt: Can you describe the activity? Brittany: They were on the media side of the room and can't really tell. Some nights didn't hear anything. Every time I have been there someone has been there. John: When we decide when people can be here. As a public building we should have a designated time. Fred: Brittany is trying to do the job and can only work on 8-11 because of childcare. Mike: We are talking about employees other than persons. Only people that should be here is employees only in after hours. Matt: I would agree. Mike suggested that we have a meeting with trustees at the next meeting. Mike is concerned about the liability to the Town with other person in here in hours outside of the normal hours.
 - b. Val Covell - Trash situation at Leonard Spencer's properties. She has had several complaints at his house and the house in back. He is telling tenants to come in and put their trash behind the camper. She called him about the house in the back and he did put all of the trash on a trailer but it is still there. We are now getting rats (so bad that the next door neighbor cannot let her grandchild out to play for fear of the rats, and there are some people that have chickens and have to hand their chicken feed high up so the rats do not get it), along with raccoons, skunks, and bears. Fred – what can we do to remedy this? Val – talked with Town Attorney – levy penalty every day but this does not take care of the garbage. Val is asking for the Town to step up. We can get it cleaned up and then put a lien on his property for the charges of cleaning up. She believes that whoever cleans this up should be required to wear hazmat suits. John, stated that there is a possibility that the state could step in and they would pay 50% of the cleanup. Val is concerned about this due to the covid19 and the State does run slow. She is all for going to state route. Emergency order has to be served by Val and Constable.
 - c. Steve Godin – There was an incident on May 30 we had a brush fire and there were more than 40 firefighters from Marshfield, Walden, Woodbury, Calais, Plainfield, and Cabot and he was quite impressed in how they worked together. The negative portion that while he was working on the barn – fireworks going on at noon! They were having a campfire, set this fire by their own stupidity in his opinion. Matt: Do they own the land. Steve did not know. We could possibly go after homeowner's insurance. Michelle: there is no structure except a mobile home. Andy said that they did not have a burn permit.
 - d. Michelle had a note from Adam Overbay to let the SB know that there will be a letter regarding the CCIF Fund.

5. Consolidation of loans for Willey Building We went ahead and received bids from three banks to consolidate the loans. After discussing this, we will go back to Passumpsic Bank (as they were the lowest bidder) to look at a different way.
6. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Cabot Wastewater Renewal for the Creamery and Aaron Page/Jeannete Cole wanted to let the SB know the Creamery will be reapplying for a land application for the Wastewater Permit they have. There will be time public comment. Expanded notice around region – main points of this, extend this notice over the next 6 month – draft permit – comment period is how long – typically a shorter comment usually 45 days and a public hearing as well. Fred – when you file permit it is by 6-30 – approximately 45 days after the State – for public comment and Aaron will let us know. Mike wanted to know if this is this an annual permit. Aaron stated that it is a 5 year permit. Who does the hearing – ANR Applied for a standard offer - a way of getting renewal energy – a digester – would create power from their wastewater. It would take years of work – secure a rate that would to make it more to subsidy the project. They will come back later in the summer for a letter of recommendation. Fred wanted to know how much power – 250 KW per hour. Enough to power possibly the village area. Fred – what are the waste products – Aaron – Milk. Under the existing plan – we would still have the red trucks have on the road with a cleaner treated waste. This would start to begin in November.
 - b. Ruth stated that they will not have to chlorinate the water system as of today.
 - c. Other Business – There was no other business.
7. Highway
 - a. Cameras for Garage – do we want to do cameras – on the outside right now – parameters to secure the building. John feels there is a need for it with but we would be able to get the security cameras for a better price that what was quoted. Brittany stated they recently installed a camera system and hooked it up to cloud for around \$500. We will get more information and will table it for now. We should have a camera at each door but not inside.
 - b. Old Route 2 – grant has to be finished by completion Date – 6-30-20 – including paperwork have to look at the culverts – 4 out or 15 installed – move it over there – emphasis to be with track of hours, materials, crew each hour.
8. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders
 - b. Other Business – there was no other business.
9. Other Business –
 - a. Jenn reported that the state has 988 cases of the Covid that tested positive – but only 90 active cases in Vermont. Pop-up testing – working how to do pop-up testing. No guarantee that there will not be more testing. People are coming into area 14 and are not self-quarantining themselves. Mike wanted to know if there are any updates from the state relating to Municipalities – This is at the discretion of each town if they want to keep access restricted.
 - b. Betty wanted to inform everyone that Chuck Marian has resigned from the Planning Commission and the DRB. This will be a great loss for both of these committees and the Town. The Planning Commission is having a remote meeting Thursday to discuss this and we will send out a notice for a new member. If the SB has any suggestions, please let us know.
10. Executive Session – Mike move that we go into 7:23 p.m. John seconded We came out of Executive Session at 7:51.
11. We will have a meeting Monday at 5:00 P.M. to go over the bid for Porter Road, the Willey Building Loans. We will invite Paul Stecker regarding the position of Road Commissioner regarding the expectation of the Road Commissioner. We will also send a letter to Larry regarding the Road Commissioner.
12. Adjourn – A motion was made by Matt with a second by Mike to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer