

Strafford Selectboard Meeting
November 13, 2019, 6pm at Town Office

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board members present: Toni Pippy, Brian Johnson, Kate Siepmann, Pat Kelly, Lauri Berkenkamp
Others present: Steve Dycus, Gil Robertson, Susan Cloke, John Echeverria

Citizen Concerns

No citizens' concerns

Town Highways and Equipment Update

Highway Department Projects

All equipment is fine. Better Roads grant is being worked on. Bids vs actual: Jon is working with Blaktop to get a better understanding of the difference between the bids and invoice (\$53 per ton).

Approve highway access application for Tanit Sakakeeny & Tony Mack

The driveway access approval is in process

Better Roads Grant – SFY2021

Jon is working on this with Lisa. Deadline is December 13

Snow Removal – Sidewalk South Strafford

EJ Thorpe will continue with the contract at the same price as last year.

TRORC TAC Meeting, November 14th, Hartford Town Hall, conference room 2, 9:30AM – 11:00AM

Toni will attend on behalf of the board

Correspondence

The board acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

Sarah Danley RE: Working Communities Challenge FAQ, invited to submit a full application to the Working Communities Challenge!

VLCT, Baxter Garrett RE: Committee and Commissions Name Changes

Toni will contact the committee that has indicated it wants to change its name to follow up

Josh Kahan RE: Request for signage maintenance at the top of Pennock Rd./Podunk Rd.

Brian will talk to Jon about removing the sign

Thomas J. Donovan, Vermont Attorney General RE: Opioid Litigation

Janet Cavanagh RE: Property divide by road, stream, etc.

Michael Sacca, Alliance for Vermont Communities RE: Outreach

Vermont Dept of Labor RE: 3rd quarter employer notice

This is tabled until the next meeting

Ian Bullock RE: Barking Dogs

Ian wanted the board to know the barking dogs belonged to the Morans, not him.

Anita Onofrio RE: accident on town road

Toni spoke with Anita on the phone

Chuck Sherman RE: Resignation from EC Fiber Board

Toni will follow up with Chuck

Approve Minutes of October 22nd regular meeting

Board moved, seconded, and voted to approve minutes of October 22 meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding with NRRA, Nov. 2019 to Oct 2020, Mike Scanlon

Mike Scanlan presented the memorandum of understanding for the next year with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (brokers the town works with to sell recycling). Note that the town makes no money on recycling; instead, it pays to have the recycling taken away. The biggest cost is \$256 each time they haul one of the bins away to empty. Currently the town budgets \$16,000 per year for recycling costs; this may go up next year.

Town House Update – Rocky Fuller

Rocky presented minutes of the October 24 Town House Advisory Group meeting. Full minutes are available on straffordvt.org.

Pat and Kate - Strafford Historic Preservation Commission update and recommendations

Pat and Kate met with Bob Johnston to discuss recommendations by the Historic Preservation Commission regarding creation of a historic district and guidelines/requirements for design review. This was a preliminary discussion only. Several residents of the Upper Village joined the discussion.

Halloween Storm Log review – Local Emergency Management Plan Training

Bill Burden supplied the board with a log of the Halloween weekend storm. He will set up training for key personnel for the future. We need to create a list of at-risk personnel.

2020 Budget Request Letter mailing

Toni revised the budget request for 2020 and will get all letters out by November 19 and ask all entities to have their requests in by December 9. If we receive no response we will assume the entity wants to be level funded. Toni will work on a preliminary draft of the budget by the end of December.

FEMA Direct Admin Cost Hour Request, Lisa

The board will discuss with Lisa.

Performance Evaluation format

Lauri will follow up with VLCT re: a good example

Town Office Repairs–FAQ. Mailing

Kate presented a revised version of the mailing. The board will proofread and offer final changes for Kate to incorporate prior to mailing.

Other – 10 Minutes

Liaison Updates

The fire department is in the process of buying a new rescue vehicle to replace the 1970's one currently in use. They are paying for this out of their own funds.

Asset Management of Paved Roads

Toni is working on an ongoing inventory of paved roads throughout town.

No other new business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Berkenkamp
Recording Secretary