

## **Selectboard Meeting March 13, 2019**

### **MINUTES**

Members present: John Freitag, Lauri Berkenkamp, Brian Johnson, Toni Pippy, and Kate Siepmann.

Others present: Lisa Bragg, Gil Robertson, Jennifer Brown, Jon MacKinnon, George Spaneas, Bill Burden, Michael Sacca, JT Horn, David Paganelli, Steve Willbanks

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

#### **Election of Officers, Rules of Procedure Reminder**

Toni Pippy was nominated as chair; John Freitag was nominated as vice chair; Lauri Berkenkamp was nominated as recording secretary. Motion passed to elect all three. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the rules of procedure.

#### **Citizen Concerns**

Lauri Berkenkamp questioned the need for a pre-town meeting.

#### **Road and Highway Report**

George Spaneas came to the board to ask questions about possibilities for paving the Justin Morrill Highway. Currently there are no plans to repave the road. Board noted that paving grants can only be used on Class 2 roads; discussion ensued regarding paving and costs. With the assistance of Road Foreman Jon MacKinnon, the board is working on an inventory of the paved roads and will have more information at the next selectboard meeting to discuss. The paving grant we are applying for, due on April 15th, will be based on what this study determines is the most effective use of the funds we have available for paving.

- Contracted plowing and sanding costs to date are \$13,129
- Class on pavement management and maintenance will be held April 3.
- Board members passed a motion to post the roads, and signed posting notifications; roads will be posted from March 13 to May 15, 2019.
- Motion passed to sign the annual financial plan for town highways.

#### **Approve Minutes of February 27 and March 1**

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of February 27 and March 1. Board approved minutes of February 27 with no changes. Board approved minutes of March 1 with the note that 17 community members were in attendance and the spelling of Lauri Berkenkamp's name was corrected.

#### **Correspondence**

- *Email from Ed Hathaway at EPA re: Elizabeth Mine update and Tyson Bridge.* Board acknowledged receipt of email and agreed to invite Ed to a meeting to discuss final repairs to the Tyson Bridge.

- *Victoria Littlefield, LEMP deadlines:* Bill Burden and Lauri Berkenkamp are working on a final plan, which is due May 1.
- *Email from George Spaneas re: Road.* Board acknowledges receipt of email.
- *Email from Jennifer Cypher re: Old City Falls Road bridge/road condition.* Board acknowledged receipt of email. Brian will respond to Jennifer.
- *Stuart Johnson re: draft revision of Vermont Road and Bridge Standard.* Board acknowledges receipt of notice. Jon MacKinnon will attend the meeting on April 2.
- *Email from Steve Willbanks re: Town House Committee appointment.* Addressed below.
- *Email from John Whelihan re: Alan Beebe's appointment, Director of Upper Valley Ambulance and town representation on the board.* Addressed below.
- *Approve Stone Soup liquor license.* Board voted to approve the liquor license.

### **Town Appointments**

THAG: Steve Willbanks wants to step down.

UV Ambulance: John Whelihan wants to step down.

The board voted to approve reappointments of Town-appointed officers whose terms were up for renewal with the exception of Steve Willbanks's and John Whelihan's appointments. The board will wait for recommendations from those committees for new members.

### **Update to the Ashley Community Forest Project, Michael Sacca**

Several members of the Ashley Community Forest Committee presented a draft proposal and discussed with the board the potential plan to donate the Ashley land to the towns of Strafford and Sharon for joint ownership.

### **VCRD update**

Strafford's event will be held on March 21.

### **Other**

Hug Right of Way: notice of hearing has been posted

Dog Licensing: licenses are due April 1—Rabies clinic will be held from 10 to 12 on Saturday.

Local Emergency Management Plan update. See above

John Freitag attended the North Border Regional, Economic, and Community Development Forum to assess grant possibilities to improve the road surrounding the Strafford Common.

John will pursue this and get back to the board.

### **Liaison updates**

All liaisons will be as follows:

Toni: School Board, auditors, and budget

Brian: Development Review Board, Highway Department, Planning Commission

Lauri: Recycling Committee, Emergency Management, and Strafford Historical Society

Kate: Conservation Commission, Town House Advisory Group, Town Office, Energy Committee

John: Recreation Board, Law Enforcement, Listers

Energy committee update: Committee is interested in helping anywhere in town with insulation. Liaison Kate Siepmann suggested that the committee put together a compilation of their thoughts and present it to the selectboard.

Please note: The board's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, instead of March 27. The meeting scheduled for March 27 is cancelled.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Berkenkamp  
Recording Clerk