

Selectboard Meeting October 9, 2019

Board members present: Brian Johnson, Kate Siepmann, Toni Pippy, Pat Kelly, Lauri Berkenkamp

Others present:

JonMacKinnon, Road Crew Foreman; Bill Burden, Strafford Emergency Management Liaison; Ham Bone, Canine Chaperone; Jennifer Brown, *Herald of Randolph*; Steve Marx, Health Officer; Janet Hardy, Dog Warden; Gil Robertson, Dessert Provider

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.Citizen Concerns

Bill Burden said the road crew did an excellent job grading Old City Falls and thanks the crew.

2.Town Highways and Equipment Update

Highway Department Projects update

Jon reported the following information:

Crew is mulching around the common and buttoning up projects, including cold patching.

Signs showing town boundaries have been ordered and will be installed when they are delivered.

Carpenter Road sign has been ordered and current sign is going to be moved closer to Carpenter Hill.

The drainage alongside the Tilles property has been fixed.

The right of way in front of the Hug property has been paved.

3. Correspondence

Barbara and Wally Smith letter re: pocket park

Board addressed this letter in the last meeting.

Conservation Commission

Conservation Commission wants to move the reserves from Whitcomb Hill and Conservation Commission under the management of the trustee of public funds. Toni and Steve Willbanks will do more research before committing to any further action.

Leslie Tilles re: drainage ditch

Board acknowledged receipt of email. This issue has been addressed.

Vt Council on Rural Development celebrating Vermont

Board acknowledged receipt of email.

Clair Girous-William, Development and Communications Coordinator

Board acknowledged receipt and Toni will be in touch with the organization

US District Court northern District of Ohio, re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation

Board acknowledged receipt of notice and will not opt out.

Lauren Oates, St Hazard Mitigation Officer Vermont Emergency Management re: Municipal ERAF Survey

Board acknowledged notice. Toni will forward to Lisa Bragg to provide input and complete.

Emails from several townspeople re: paving Hatch Road

Board acknowledged emails from Rocky Fuller, John Echeverria, and Stephen Handy. Toni responded.

Ed Hathaway, EPA, RE: Tyson Bridge repair, gates on Copperas Road, and Board tour

EPA sent an adjusted proposal for the Tyson Bridge. EPA will remove existing pavement on the bridge deck, conduct inspection and spot repairs on the spalling and bridge abutment #2, install water proofing membrane, install pavement on the bridge deck and remove all traffic controls. The date for work on this is TBD. The board will ask the EPA to leave open the gates to Copperas Road. Board members will go on a tour of the site in late October.

Two Rivers Ottaquechee re: changes to regional plan

Board acknowledge receipt of correspondence. They are having a final hearing on October 5.

4. Approve minutes of September 25 meeting

Board moved, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes of September 25.

5. Health Officer update

Steve Marx reported an update on the Coutermarsh property on Miller Pond Road. There are approximately 10 barrels of oil on the property that need to be removed. It will cost \$500 to be tested and \$1,400 to be pumped—the barrels are old and can't be moved off the property. Steve is looking for someone who could take the oil for their own use. There is no money left to clean up the site, although half of the property has been cleared at a cost of \$10,000—workers took out 13 dumpsters of trash. Discussion ensued regarding ordinances for junk and waste in yards and the viability of enforcing them. No conclusions were reached.

6. Dog officer, numerous calls about barking dogs

Janet Hardy has had many calls from townspeople complaining about dogs barking too much. In the town ordinance, section 4 states that dogs may not disturb neighbors by persistent barking—penalties are a \$25 fine. Janet spoke with all parties that have had complaints lodged

against them. The board agreed to send letters to the parties, reminding them about the ordinance and asking them to please be mindful of their neighbors.

7. Town Office repairs—work on FAQ answers

The board compiled a list of questions and answers regarding the project that were solicited from residents. Kate compiled all answers. Board will edit the document and be ready to discuss the final version at the next meeting.

8. Other

Bill Burden came to the meeting and proposed to hold a training session for emergency management. Board agreed and will schedule a separate training session with Bill.

Board discussed performance evaluations for the town employees. Lauri will research different employee evaluation forms and present options at the next meeting.

Board will discuss health insurance plan options at the next meeting, which will be held on October 22 rather than the usual meeting date of October 23.

Asset management of paved roads. This is still in progress.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauri Berkenkamp
Recording Clerk