

TOWN of BRIDPORT
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
Town Office 6:00 PM



PRESENT: Tim Howlett (Chair), Jessica Stocker, Joan Huestis (arrived at 6:50pm), David Bronson, Bob Sunderland (arrived at 6:04pm), Kathleen King (Town Treasurer) and Dusty Huestis (DPW Road Foreman).

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair, Tim Howlett. Guest recorder: Jess Stocker – Julie was excused from meeting.

Public Comments: Mr. and Mrs. Willey presented the board with concerns they have regarding the deterioration of their driveway, particularly after the paving projects over the last few years. The Willey's shared that Dusty had told them he would taper their driveway from the road to address some of the incline. Dusty agreed that they did have that discussion and he has been meaning to get over to do the work but has been held up with other projects. The board participated in the discussion and as a group, to include the Willey's and our Town Road Foreman, it was determined that the town would taper to the driveway as agreed upon and that the Willey's would take care of regular required homeowner maintenance.

Secretary's Report: Bob made the motion to accept the Minutes of the October 12, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Jess seconded; motion passed (pending grammatic update requested by David).

Treasurer's Report: Jess made motion to pay all non-education bills in the amount of \$159,788.20, to include \$46,411.86 in overpaid taxes. Bob seconded the motion; motion passed.

Healthcare Plan Town Employees: Board decided to stay with same plan; no changes made.

Legal Update: Benj Putnam submitted a letter to the board letting the town know that the case re: Sheldrick's trailer has been resolved with no further actions from either party needing to be taken. Jess made a motion to accept the letter sent to the board with regarding legal guidance; Bob seconded the motion; motion passed.

Resignation – Board Member: Jessica Stocker: Joan accepts Jessica's letter of resignation, effective 19 November 2020, seconded by David.

DPW Report:

DPW Operations, Budget & Finance:

Road Foreman's Report: Mountain Road is now opened; used Munson beyond contract. The road crew has been busy grading, adding gravel to Frosty Lane and Fiddlers Lane due to Mountain Road being closed. Culverts cleaned and hauled back to the stockpile. Scraped West end of Rattlin' Bridge and touched up 2 dead ends. Graded Market West Road. Salt and Sand Sheds locked per insurance

requirements; keys have been provided to the few people required to have them. Need to get tree work done, as well as taking down flags. Dusty attended a Road Foreman's meeting, with a focus on strategic coverage for staffing issues due to COVID during plowing session.

Culvert Report:

Mountain Road Culvert: Mountain Road Culvert complete, pending concern with left hand side guard rail...possibly not to code, Brent to assist town in having guard rail looked at and addressed if needed.

New Business: No New Business

Other Business: No Other Business

Executive Session: Entered into executive session at 7:55 PM for personnel matters. Came out of Executive Session at 9:48pm. ACTION: David moved to adjust Treasurer's pay, seconded by Bob.

Adjourn: Bob moved to adjourn; Jess seconded. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,