

Selectboard Meeting – Town of Bridport, VT

April 11, 2016

Selectboard Meeting Minutes – Approved 5/16/2016

Board members present: Leonard Barret, chair, Jerry Forbes, Sue Walker, Earl Audet and Joan Huestis, board clerk

Also Present: Irene Zaccor, Treasurer, David Bronson and Mike Sunderland, Road Forman

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Leonard Barrett

Motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Sue Walker to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Motion pass with all in favor

Public comment:

David Bronson spoke on behalf of the Cemetery Committee, in regard to the moneys the Cemetery Committee is willing to loan the town to help finance the new grader and roller apparatus for the back. The motion was made by Earl Audet and Seconded by Jerry Forbes to accept the Cemetery Committee's proposal of financing \$50,000 of the purchase price of the grader and roller apparatus. Motion passed 4 approve and 1 abstained due to a conflict of interest.

David Bronson also suggested the hydroseeder could be used to seed behind the Herse House. All were in agreement. Also the Cemetery Committee had met earlier in the day and approved the repair of 7 headstones at a cost of approximately \$2200.00.

David Bronson also wanted to clarify that the Cemetery Committee was able to spend the money voted at Town Meeting at the committee's discretion. All were in agreement.

David Bronson would also like to see the back of the Masonic Hall above the voting booths spiffed up to look better. Public comment ended at 6:19.

The motion was made by Jerry Forbes and Earl Audet to go into Executive Session with Jim Craig and Irene Zaccor present at 6:20. The board came out of executive session at 6:45.

The regular meeting resumed at 6:47.

Treasures Report was given by Irene Zaccor. Irene presented \$9600.00 worth of invoices to be approved by the board and reported there was \$157,894.58 Cash on hand. Sue Walker made the motion and Earl Audet seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed all in favor.

The Road Report was presented by Forman Mike Sunderland. The following things were discussed at length:

The fees for Outside Work by Bridport Town machinery and manpower was discussed and felt to be appropriately charged. There are copies of the fees at the town clerks office.

There is to be no unauthorized operators or riders in or on town owned machinery.

Jerry Forbes, as Select board representative, will attend an informational meeting, sponsored by V-Trans, in Brandon, at the town shed, on the clean water act. The meeting is April 22nd.

The school is a separate entity in regard to mowing the school grounds and not the responsibility of the Town.

The mowing of all town greens and cemeteries, with the exception of Town Line Cemetery will be put out to bid. The bid will be placed in the Addison Independent for two consecutive times.

The motion was made by Joan Huestis and Jerry Forbes to accept this report of the Road Forman. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion was made by Sue Walker and Seconded by Jerry Forbes to pay \$400.00 to the Humane Society as a contact for taking in stray dogs when the owners cannot be found. Motion Passed all in favor.

The motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Jerry Forbes that all future notification of intended replacement of culverts that involve ingress and egress of private property will be given by certified return receipt requested mail, because the property owner is responsible for paying for the culvert. It is duly noted in The Road Culvert Policy, available at the Town Clerks Office, that responsibility lies with the land owner. Much discussion ensued. Motion passed all in favor.

Old Business:

Charter Change: Sue Walker reported that there is ongoing discussion with the State involving the charter change to have the town clerk and town treasure appointed instead of elected.

The Town Web Site is up and running. www.bridportvt.org

New Business:

Joan made the motion and Sue Walker seconded to get quotes on replacing two trees that were removed from the park. Leonard will contact David Basque, Tree Warden. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 7:58

Respectfully Submitted

Joan Huestis, Board Clerk