

Selectboard Meeting

June 13, 2016

APPROVED Minutes of the Meeting

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

Also present: Irene Zaccor, Town Treasurer, H. Kent Wright III, Joanne Kenyon, David Bronson, Mike Sunderland, DPW Foreman and Dusty Huestis, Bridport Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 6PM by chair Leonard Barrett.

The motion was made by Sue Walker and seconded by Jerry Forbes to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting. Motion passed all in favor.

Public Comment:

Kent Wright wanted to thank the town for mowing the side of Cream Hill Road. He stated it is very dangerous to access 22A from Cream Hill Road with the grass so tall. He then stated Phil Wagner had also mowed some of the side.

Dusty Huestis represented the Fire Department in regard to the asphalt driveway in front and to the side of the Fire House. He requested the Road Crew do the work of removing the old asphalt and prepare the area for new asphalt. The reason being the rain comes into the fire house at an alarming rate. Joan made the motion seconded by Jerry to allow up to \$14,000.00 for this project. Motion passed all in favor.

David Bronson sent a copy of a letter to each selectperson that he would like to send to the State of Vermont about the school tax formula. He feels the school gets large amounts of tax money interest free and if there were a better formula that would be closer to the correct amount it would be beneficial to the town. Earl made the motion Jerry seconded that David Bronson send the letter to the state. Motion passed all in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Irene Zaccor stated there was \$311,081.94 cash on hand primarily because the grader and roller have not been paid for and the loan from National Bank of Orwell is in our account.

Irene also stated the Culvert Policy and Equipment Usage Policy are ready to be posted on the website if approved by the board.

Irene also asked what to do about an outstanding culvert bill to a town person that has been ongoing for several months. It was agreed by the majority to continue billing the person.

Motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Sue Walker to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed 4 approved and 1 not approved.

Road Report:

The first mowing around all roads has been completed.

Pikes has been the only one to submit a bid for asphalt paving. Mike Sunderland, Road Forman will call Wilks and Whitcomb to see if they want to bid.

Roller for the back of the new grader is not the correct one. Earl Audet made the motion and Jerry Forbes seconded to not pay for the new machinery because the invoice says 60 days and the roller is not the correct one. There was much discussion. Motion passed all in favor.

Old Business:

The motion was made by Jerry Forbes seconded by Sue Walker to approve the Culvert Policy. There was no discussion. Motion passed all in favor.

The motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Sue Walker to approve the Equipment Usage/Rates Policy. There was no discussion. Motion passed all in favor.

The Charter Change paper work arrived today via e-mail from Harvey Smith our representative. The charter change was approved by the state May 17, 2016. The positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer will be appointed when the current terms of the positions expire in March of 2017.

The promissory note for the money from the Cemetery Commission for the grader and roller was signed by the board members.

There was no new information about solar panels on the Town Sheds.

David Basque is looking into Maple trees to replace the ones taken down in the park.

Lawn Mower bids:

There were two bids one from Dusty Huestis for \$350.00 and one from Charles Rouse for \$300.00. Motion was made by Joan Huestis seconded by Earl Audet to not accept either bid and to place another warning in the Addison Independent for new bids. Discussion followed. Motion passed all in favor.

New Business:

Leonard read a letter from Stephen A. Leach on behalf of the VT VFW Desert Storm Memorial Highway project. The letter asked for support from Bridport on behalf of the Vermont State Veterans of Foreign Wars in renaming VT Route 22A the Desert Storm Veterans Memorial Highway. The motion was made by Joan Huestis seconded by Sue Walker to give our support to the project and have Joan write a letter to Stephen Leach. Discussion followed. Motion passed all in favor.

Gary Rodes is the new member from Weybridge, VT to the Lemon Fair Mosquito Control Board of which Bridport is a member of.

Joan Huestis made the suggestion to have the flag pole straightened and the no parking signs fixed because they are in need of repair. There was some discussion in the matter, but there was no support to take action.

Addendum to the minutes:

June 14, 2016 by conference phone call the board approved to have Tim Pudzar, sales representative for Nortrax, Inc., the company the grader and roller were purchased through, to move forward on correcting the situation of the wrong roller being purchased.

Respectively submitted:

Joan Huestis, clerk