

Minutes of Town of Bridport Selectboard meeting July 11, 2016

(Approved 8/14/2016)

Members present: Leonard Barrett, chair, Sue Walker, Jerry Forbes, Earl Audet, and Joan Huestis, clerk

Also present: Irene Zaccor, Town treasurer, Mike Sunderland, DPW foreman, and H. Kent Wright

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

The motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Sue Walker to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting. There was no discussion. Motion passed all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Irene Zaccor reported cash on hand of \$263,867.00 primarily because the grader and roller have not been paid for yet. She also presented \$90,000.00 worth of invoices to be approved for payment. Delinquent taxes are \$66,118.00.

Irene also presented a letter from Fyles Brothers, Inc., in regard to pre-buying propane. Earl Audet made the motion seconded by Joan Huestis to pre-buy \$2200.00 worth of propane from Fyles Brothers, Inc. Discussion followed about the amount used last year under the same program of pre-buy. Motion passed all in favor.

Bob Coffey, auditor, would like to be resent when the listers set the tax rate.

It was decided to have Irene fill out the necessary paperwork for a tax anticipation loan, in case it is decided that the town needs to borrow money to carry through until tax moneys start coming in.

Motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Jerry Forbes to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed all in favor.

Road Report:

Mike Sunderland presented the Road and Bridge Standards Report form that needed to be signed by the select board for the State of Vermont.

3 bids for paving were presented. One from DF paving, one from Wilcox and one from Pikes. Motion was made by Joan Huestis seconded by Jerry Forbes to accept the bid from Pikes. Discussion followed about the bids concluding that Pike's bid was the best bid package and that they used a percentage of recycled asphalt. Motion passed all in favor.

Mike also stated that League of Cities and Towns representative came down and did an onsite inspection of the town garage. MSDS sheets need to be updated. They are encouraging all towns and cities to follow OSHA standards. The VT Department of Transportation needs to see paperwork on the 3 grants we received as well as do a site visit to each location where grant money was used.

The cost to swap out the roller attachment that is not correct for the correct one will be about \$6500.00. The money will come from the loan surplus left from the purchase of the grader and from the Winter Sand fund.

Shoreham Township stores salt in our shed, because there is not sufficient room in their facility. Motion was made by Joan Huestis and seconded by Jerry Forbes to ask Shoreham to present weight slips when they remove salt from the shed. This will help keep track of inventory better. Discussion followed. Motion passed all in favor.

Earl Audet stated he had been asked about the procedure of putting up a (children at play) sign on Lovers Lane. Mike Sunderland stated it is up to the landowner to purchase and install such signs.

The motion was made by Earl Audet seconded by Sue Walker to accept the Road Report as presented. Motion passed all in favor.

Lawn Mower bids:

There were 2 bids: Dusty Huestis \$410.00 and Leonard Barrett \$900.00

Motion was made by Sue Walker and seconded by Earl Audet to accept Leonard Barrett's bid of \$900.00. Motion passed 4 in favor 1 abstained.

Old Business:

David Basque is still working on Maple trees for the park.

New Business:

Education tax rate: Residential is \$1.5768

Non-residential is \$1.5797

Homestead tax rate: is \$1.8180 down from \$1.8369

State of Vermont Forrest, Parks and Recreation Department sent a letter informing the Town of Bridport, that it is starting procedures to establish a shooting range on the Hotte property. We need more information in this matter.

Meeting adjourned 6:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Joan Huestis, board clerk