

Minutes of Town of Bridport Selectboard meeting August 15, 2016

(approved 9/12/2016)

Members present: Leonard Barrett, Chair, Sue Walker, Jerry Forbes, Earl Audet and Joan Huestis, Recording Clerk.

Also present: Irene Zaccor, Bridport Town Treasurer, Mike Sunderland, DPW Foreman and H. Kent Wright.

Meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Leonard Barrett, Chair.

The motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Jerry Forbes to approve the minutes of the last two Selectboard meetings after a change was made to the July 11, 2016 minutes. Motion passed all in favor.

Public Comment:

Kent Wright representing the Bridport Senior's Group said the CVAA group is disbanding and giving up their Senior site at the Bridport Grange and he was stepping down as chair. Phil Whittman from Shoreham, VT will be taking over as chair on September 1, 2016. Kent was asking how much the town would charge if the Senior Group were to meet at the Bridport Community Hall once a week. If the group does regroup and meet at the Community Hall the Select Board will determine a fee at a later date.

Treasurer's Report:

Irene Zaccor reported there is \$98,713.00 cash on hand. To date \$42,000.00 has been received for the tax year 2016. The bills went out last week. There will not be a need for a Tax Anticipation Loan.

There are still \$62,000.00 in delinquent taxes, however the Cary property has been sold so almost \$21,000.00 in delinquent taxes should be paid as a result.

The Website has been updated.

The motion was made by Sue Walker and seconded by Earl Audet to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Discussion followed. Motion passed all in favor.

Road Report:

Pike's will start paving tomorrow on Cross Road and Town Line Road weather permitting. Pikes will then return on August 30th to finish the paving projects.

Motion was made by Jerry Forbes and seconded Sue Walker to pave Park Avenue at the same time the Fire House parking lot is paved. Discussion followed. Motion passed all in favor.

The stakes on East Street are for road improvement. The fiber optics from the telephone company are in the road right of way. The plan is to take the road down 2 feet to remove the nob that makes oncoming traffic hard to see. It is expected that a portion of the road will be closed during the reformation of East Street and a portion of Town Line Road may also be closed. The road crew wanted to hire a bulldozer with a ripper from Briggs Trucking, however the Selectboard wants to try using the grader and the bucket loader first. In the event that this procedure does not work then Briggs Trucking is to be called. This is supposed to be done on or about September 7, 2016.

The walk and roll apparatus for the grader has arrived and is working great.

A new policy for storm and or tree damage has been implemented as of the select meeting: If Mike Sunderland, DPW Forman, cannot be reached by cell phone by either of the other two town employees, they are to contact members of the select board, so the select board can attempt to reach Foreman Sunderland by phone call or by text message.

The Shoreham, VT DPW agreed to weigh salt removed from the Bridport Town shed. There is 120+or- tons in our shed.

Old business:

There is nothing new to report on the Shooting Range, which the State of Vermont Forrest, Parks and Recreation Dept. wants to put in on the Hotte property.

David Basque has not replaced the Maple trees as of yet, weather is a factor. Also a concerned citizen, who is a maple producer, brought to Joan's attention his concern for the maple trees in the park and in front of the cemetery. Jerry Forbes will call Chris Olson, Addison County Forester about the trees.

New business:

VTrans audited our 3 grants and found the paper work in proper order. However there were 3 things the Town of Bridport needs to have on file:

1. A procurement policy in place
2. Businesses doing any work must NOT be debarred by the state.
3. Businesses doing any work must be a registered business

Motion was made by Joan Huestis seconded by Earl Audet to purchase fans for the Masonic Hall. Discussion followed. Motion passed all in favor.

There is a meeting of VLCT on October 5, 2016 from 2PM-4PM at the Champlain Valley Expo North. Leonard or Jerry will attend as a voting member from Bridport.

Sue Walker and Joan Huestis will start working on a job description for our new town employees that will be appointed after Town Meeting in 2017.

Meeting adjourned 7:18

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Huestis, Recording Clerk