

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting **December 12, 2016** Bridport Town Clerk's office, at 6 P.M.

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

Others Present: Irene Zaccor, Treasurer, Margaret Sunderland, David Bronson, H. Kent Wright III., Dusty Huestis, Road Foreman

The meeting was called to order by Leonard Barrett, Chair at 6 P.M.

The motion was made by Sue Walker and seconded by Jerry Forbes to approve the minutes of the last 2 Select Board meetings November 14, 2016 and November 28, 2016. Motion passed all in Favor.

Public Comment:

David Bronson reported that with the help of Rick Coursey and Dan Thomas he was able to work on 24 stones in the Central Cemetery. Cleggs' Memorials wanted \$3000.00 to do 7 stones. Labor totaled \$440.00.

David Bronson also spoke about the quit claim deed for the Howlett Family Limited Partnership work he had done in drafting the deed and wanted to be paid \$300.00 for a portion of his work. The board will take it under advisement.

David also informed the board that Market Road is a four (4) rod road. When asked about Orchard Drive Extension, he thought it was three (3) rod, but was not completely certain.

Margaret Sunderland presented a formal petition request to have thirteen hundred feet (1300') of Basin Harbor Road southerly from Crown Point Road upgraded from class 4 to class 3 so that the Town would take over responsibility of the upkeep. This upgrade will improve access to the new dairy barn. There is a procedure that must be followed to do that and the board will take it under advisement.

H. Kent Wright had no comments.

Treasurer's Report:

Irene Zaccor, Town Treasurer, reported there is \$395,000 left in the bank. There have been payments of \$1.912 million this month. There are \$80,700 in delinquent taxes still outstanding for this year. Irene is working on year end paperwork.

Motion was made by Joan Huestis and seconded by Jerry Forbes to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. There was no discussion. Motion passed all in favor.

Road Report:

Dusty Huestis DPW Road Foreman, reported that DPW worked on Mountain Road with Randy Provencher from Earthworks for 2 ½ days and got the jackhammering, ditching, and culverts completed. The work went into the woods, around the top and down the hill greatly

widening and improving that dangerous section of road. If the weather, permits work on Forrest Road will start. The wooden bridge on Market Road West has been repaired and the road has reopened, but it will be closed soon for the winter as it is 4th class and not maintained in the winter months. Due to the cold weather and freezing temperatures, grading roads is probably done for the year and any potholes will need to be filled by hand. There have been a rash of street signs, town boundary signs and warning signs taken by unknown parties.

Randy Wilcox has asked the DPW to install a temporary culvert on property that he does not own on Payne Drive for the purpose of removing up to 12 loads of log. He is not the land owner, therefore he needs to get the access permit from the landowner.

Pratt's Store Liquor License:

The motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Jerry Forbes to sign the paperwork for Pratt's Store to continue with their liquor license from the State of Vermont. Discussion followed. Motion passed all in favor.

Mobilitie Wi-Fi Pole:

Mobilitie representative Jennille Smith has agreed to meet with available Select Board members at the proposed site on Market Road. Leonard Barrett and Joan Huestis will meet with Jennille at 10 A.M. Wednesday morning 12/14/2016.

Huestis Culvert:

Joan Huestis made the motion and Sue Walker seconded to stop billing Stacey Huestis for a culvert she got in November 2015 on Hemenway Road. Discussion followed as to the fact Stacey is not the land owner and did not have the right to agree to said culvert installation. Motion passed all in favor.

Old Business:

The Millers on Orchard Drive Extension have requested information from the DPW about Orchard Drive Extension. Dusty marked the seven hundred feet length of Orchard Drive Extension. The road is presumed to be a three (3) rod road therefore their house sits in the town right of way. Irene is to send an e-mail advising them that the title company they are working with should be doing research not requesting DPW to do the work for them.

New Business:

The motion was made by Sue Walker and seconded by Jerry Forbes to renew the mowing contract with Howard Warner for two (2) years at \$430.00 per mowing. Discussion followed. Motion passed all in favor.

The closet storage in the Town Clerk's office, the ceiling in the Town Clerk's office and the Gazebo all need repairs. David Larson will give an estimate of what the cost to repair them will be so the Board can budget said money in the 2017 budget.

The town needs to move forward on the Sunderland Bridge, and can hopefully get a Better Back Roads Grant for the project.

Earl made the motion and Jerry seconded to give town employees gift certificates to Pratt's store as a thank you for their work. Discussion followed. Motion passed 4 approved 1 abstain.

Budget:

The board worked on the next year's budget, after the regular business part of the meeting, until 7:45.

Meeting:

There will be a special meeting on December 20, 2016 at the Town Clerk's office to continue working on the budget and take care of any other business deemed necessary.

Sue made the motion and Jerry seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Motion passed. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned:

Joan Huestis, Recording Clerk

Approved 1/9/2017