

Bridport Selectboard Meeting

OCTOBER 10, 2017

Present at Meeting: Joan Huestis-Chair, Earl Audet, Tim Howlett & Leonard Barrett

Also Present: Irene Zaccor-Treasurer, Dusty Huestis-DPW, Roger & Jeannine Roy, Terry Ryan, John Cannon & David Bronson.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Joan Huestis

Public Comment:

John Cannon wants to know why the Town of Bridport charges 8% penalty for filing a late Homestead form. Roger and Jean Roy asked the same question as did Terry Ryan. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Leonard Barret, seconded by Earl Audet to approve minutes of last meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Irene Zaccor gave the Treasurer's report. Motion made by Leonard Barret, seconded by Joan Huestis to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Road Report:

Dusty Huestis stated that DPW has completed work on both ends of Market Road as well as some shoulders. Trees and grading are scheduled. Paving grant is expected to be paid soon. Motion made by Earl Audet, seconded by Tim Howlett to accept the road report. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Shirley Giard is re-doing the petition to change the speed limit on the corner of Crown Point Road & Happy Valley Road from 50 mph to 35 mph. Many of the signatures were not Bridport voters. The next step may be to have the Sheriff's Department and/or Regional Planning do a traffic study on that corner.

Work on the Gazebo and Town office began October 2 and is not yet complete. Pole/finial with ball should go back on top of gazebo.

New Business:

Masonic Hall maintenance...various items need to be addressed including a possible leak in roof at north end and a hole in trim at front SW corner. John Parker will be contacted about doing the work.

Cemetery – Cemetery Commissioners held a meeting and made a variety of decisions about repairs. 23 new stones to be purchased this year. Quite a number of old stones have been cleaned.

Auditor and Lister needed! Put an ad in paper for Auditor. Call Drexel Wheeler about Lister position.

Discussion about putting a Porta-Potty at the Ice Skating Rink/Tennis Court/Horseshoe Pit. Motion made by Earl seconded by Leonard. Motion passed.

Late Filing Penalty – More discussion of the late filing of Homestead form penalty. Motion made by Tim Howlett, seconded by Earl Audet to lower the penalty to 4% for 2017 taxes and for future taxes. Motion passed.

Other Business:

Mobilitie wi-fi pole – contract and discussion on hold. Mobilitie will do a photo/sketch of where they want to place pole in 2018. Town wants legal fees paid before they will sign contract.

Short discussion of the power transmission cables under Lake Champlain and legal meeting with several towns.

Need for Executive session meeting next month.

Motion made by Tim Howlett, seconded by Leonard Barrett to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Zaccor- Town Treasurer and Assistant Town Clerk