

Selectboard Minutes November 13, 2018

Present: Joan Huestis-Chair, Mike Lawton, Matt Lawton, Tim Howlett & David Bronson

Also Present: Valerie Bourgeois-Town Clerk, Irene Zaccor-Treasurer, Dusty Huestis-DPW, Steve Bourgeois-Lister, Kent Wright, JoAnne Kenyon, Tom Miller, Brent Rakowski- Otter Creek Engineering & John Ashley-DuBois & King.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Huestis.

Tom Miller stated that he would like to have a portion of Orchard Drive Ext be “thrown up” starting at his property line, as not being a public road. Orchard Drive Ext is a class 4 road.

### **Public Informational Session**

Brent Rakowski & John Ashley gave a presentation of conceptual/preliminary plans for the Basin Harbor Road replacement culvert, project STP MM 18 (6). Motion made by David Bronson, seconded by Joan Huestis to approve of the November 8, 2018 dated proposed 60% Preliminary Plans and \$397,944.13 estimated cost breakdown for the construction of the Basin Harbor Road replacement culvert, project STP MM 18 (6), as presented by Otter Creek Engineering, Inc.; except that on the closure of the Basin Harbor Road the following provision on Drawing Number C-2 of the Plans is not a limitation and shall not apply: “The extended closure shall occur when local schools are not in session, generally between mid-June to the end of August. Exact dates can be provided by the Town of Bridport” Motion passed.

### **Session ended.**

Motion made by Tim Howlett, seconded by Mike Lawton to approve minutes of October 8 & November 8 meetings. Motion passed.

Irene Zaccor gave the treasurer’s report stating that the town has about 2.6 million in the bank since the property tax due date is past. There are approximately \$450K in bills due by the end of the year plus payment to the school. Irene also stated that it was time to renew the MVP health insurance. Motion made by Mike Lawton, seconded by Tim Howlett to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

Dusty Huestis gave the road report stating that equipment has been repaired, horseshoe pit fence has been removed, grading has been done, culverts cleaned and that Windy Valley Road (class 4 road ) has been closed due to a failed culvert.

Joan Huestis stated that the Addison County Regional Planning Commission would like the Selectboards from the Town of Bridport, Cornwall and Middlebury to join together to request that the Agency of Transportation act to remove or lower a small ledge outcropping underlying State Highway 125 just west of Middlebury College and the Town of Middlebury on the town border between Middlebury and Cornwall.

Masonic Hall roof in the back leaks. Dusty Huestis will contact Keith Betourney to repair the roof. Don Sheldrick has agreed to remove his rocks which are in the Town owned right of way.

Motion made by Joan Huestis, seconded by Tim Howlett to hire Sargeants Tree Service at \$450.00 to trim a tree by the Church. Motion passed by 4, opposed by 1.

The Town is looking into the Statewide Property Parcel Mapping Program which is scheduled to participate in 2019.

Joan Huestis proposed there be a line item in the budget for \$10,000.00 for MRGP road segments, and money for the steps and ramp at the Town office to be repaired or replaced.

Discussion was held on getting a ballot tabulator for elections.

Discussion was held on whether to change the date of town meeting.

Motion made and seconded to enter into executive session at 8:02 on subject of Town Clerk position.  
Out of executive session at 8:45 pm.

As a result of executive session no action was taken on Town Clerk position.

Motion made by Matt Lawton, seconded by Tim Howlett to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bourgeois, Town Clerk