

TOWN of BRIDPORT
Selectboard Meeting
January 14, 2019



PRESENT: Joan Huestis-Chair, David Bronson, Mike Lawton and Matt Lawton

Also Present: Irene Zaccor-Treasurer/Assistant Town Clerk, Dusty Huestis-DPW Foreman and Tom Miller

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

Public Comment

Tom Miller asked about status of throwing up the portion of Orchard Drive Extension which is on his land. Joan agreed to move Old Business discussion of issue up on agenda for him. David presented some information, a judgement and maps. Motion made by David Bronson and seconded by Joan Huestis as follows; Based on the Addison County Superior Court Order dated 7/25/1977 Edson Vs. Town of Bridport, the Town of Bridport claims no highway right on Thomas and Virginia Miller's land. All approved and motion passed.

Dusty will place a sign that states Town Highway ends here. Other roads in town need to have corrections made on the state maps.

Approve Minutes

Matt moved and Mike seconded to approve the four sets of minutes from 12/10,12/12,12/18 and 1/8/19. All approved and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

SB Orders for \$144,542.12 presented. Current balance at NBM is \$202,575.55. Updated version of 2019 budget distributed. Matt moved and Mike seconded to approve Treasurer's Report. All approved and motion passed.

DPW/Road Report

Plows are ready for next snow storm. Cornwall has a trailer in Bridport garage for repairs. Grader now has wings on. Crew will cut trees near culvert on Basin Harbor Road before April 1st.

Old Business

1. Orchard Drive Extension already discussed in Public Comment.
2. Discussion of 2019 budget continued. David spoke about carryover/surplus and how to calculate both DPW and GF amounts and then show in Town report. He would like to see some footnotes and information to help clarify several items relating to the budget and to Articles 30, 31 and 32 of the 2018 Town Warning and subsequent vote. Cost of DPW roof repair still to be

determined. Auditors need to bring results of audit and financial figures to the next SB meeting so Town Warning can be finalized and approved.

3. Computer skills and attention to detail are necessary for employee in Town Clerk position. Clerk is the public 'face of the Town'. Further discussion to take place at next SB meeting when all five SB members can be present.

New Business

- Delinquent Tax Policy reviewed. Changes need to be made and policy simplified. David will contact Jim Craig the Collector of Delinquent Taxes to discuss.
- Town Warning was discussed. Several changes and corrections need to be made to current version.
 1. Articles for a new tandem dump truck with equipment and additional funds for culvert replacement on Basin Harbor Road at the West Branch of the Dead Creek to be included.
 2. Discussion about changing the percentage contributed to perpetual care of the cemeteries from 50% to 30%. No decision reached.
 3. Motion made by Mike and seconded by Matt to change the due date for Property Taxes to November 12, 2019. All in favor and motion passed.
 4. Discussed possibly changing day and time of Town Meeting. No changes made.
 5. Notice of Availability of Town Report will be sent to residents via postcard and be printed on the Town Warning.
 6. The Town Warning will be published in the Addison Independent newspaper.
- Zoning fees in Bridport appear to be lower than other towns. More information needs to be gathered before a decision is made.
- Contract for Masonic/Community Hall will be discussed at future meeting.
- Highway Mileage Certificate needs a few additions/corrections. To be signed when completed.

Other Business

Next SB meeting to be held on January 22 at 8 a.m. Auditors will be notified of meeting so they can present the results of audit and financial details to SB.

Motion made by Matt Lawton, seconded by Mike Lawton to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Zaccor

Town Treasurer &

Assistant Town Clerk