

Bridport Select Board Meeting Minutes

11 FEB 2019

Bridport Town Offices

Present at Meeting:

Joan Huestis (Chair), Tim Howlett, Mike Lawton, David Bronson, Dusty Huestis, JoAnne Kenyon, H.Kent Wright, Sheriff Peter Newton, Captain Brent Newton, and Irene Zaccor

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

Public Comment

Addison County Sheriff Peter Newton wants to give the Town a chance to voice any concerns. He is working with his staff to write 'good' tickets. Our contract with ACSD is up in July and they would like us to consider upping our hours of patrols to 20 hours/month.

Captain Newton said that the Governor's office has a Highway Safety Grant and an officer from Vergennes Police Department will be patrolling our area for about a year. The two departments are trying to coordinate.

H. Kent Wright stated that the Masonic Hall had muddy footprints in kitchen and hall recently and lights were left on upstairs. He would like to see someone check on the building after each use. SB stated that they are re-working the contract for use of hall.

Approve Minutes

David Bronson moved and Mike Lawton seconded, that the minutes of the January 14, 22 and 29, 2019 meetings be accepted. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Orders for \$63,688.69 approved by SB. Balance at NBM is \$177,414.81 as of today. Tim Howlett moved and Mike Lawton seconded that Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion was approved.

Road Report

Dusty said the DPW crew; hauled in sand, moved snow, cut trees, kept water flowing (thawing culverts), and did maintenance on vehicles. The transmission on the 1-Ton truck is going. He had two estimates for repair. Joan Huestis moved and Tim Howlett seconded, that Dusty should take the truck to AMACO

in South Burlington as soon as possible to get the 3 year/50K mile \$3700.00 repair done. Motion was approved.

A Mail Box Policy was discussed. Joan Huestis moved and Mike Lawton seconded that the Town will only repair a mailbox as needed if it is actually hit by a Town vehicle. Motion was approved.

Roads standards are still not finalized by the State. David Bronson supplied a proposed statement for the VT Legislature (see attached) regarding decreasing funding for town highway programs. David moved and Joan seconded to adopt proposed statement and present to Legislature. Motion was approved.

A vent pipe at the DPW building broke off roof. Repairs were done to access panel and to pipe.

Fence sections between Ray Boise property and Bridport Grange are down. As DPW trucks did not hit the fence, SB recommends that Boise and the Grange discuss repairs. Town will not repair.

Old Business

Discussion of leaking roof at DPW garage. Mike Lawton moved and Tim Howlett seconded, that the Town ask Keith Betourney, local roofer, to write out his professional opinion of the problems with the leaking roof. The Town will then submit this to VLCT along with an appeal to the VLCT decision to deny our insurance claim. Motion was approved.

Security System – still a work in progress.

VT Route 125 letter – ACRPC may send another letter concerning the knolls near the college.

Assistant Zoning Administrator – David moved and Joan seconded that the Town retain Steve Bourgeois as the Assistant Zoning Administrator under the same conditions as previously until the March 11, 2019 meeting. Motion was approved.

New Business

Mike moved and David seconded, that the Town should put an ad in the local newspaper requesting Bids for Lawn Mowing contract for 2019. Motion was approved.

David passed out his recommendations for updating the Delinquent Tax Collection Policy. Board will review and discuss at next meeting.

Review Job Descriptions – postpone until next meeting

Joan Huestis moved and Tim Howlett seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by

Irene Zaccor, Treasurer and Assistant Town Clerk