

TOWN of BRIDPORT
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 8, 2019
Town Office



PRESENT: Joan Huestis (Chair), David Bronson, Tim Howlett

Also Present: Irene Zaccor, Julie Howlett, H. Kent Wright, Donald Sheldrick, Suzanne Buck

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair, Joan Huestis.

Public Comment:

Donald Sheldrick asked the town to work with him on the sewer/drainage issue between his property, the Masonic Hall and Tri-Town property. The Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday July 11th at 7:00PM at the Masonic Hall with Donald, Tom Bodette and Tri-Town to discuss what the best solution will be.

Secretary's Report: Tim moved to accept the minutes from the June 12th board meeting, David seconded, motioned passed.

Treasurer's Report: Irene presented a report which included \$95,000 in bills to be paid. Tim moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Joan seconded, motioned passed. Irene asked if she could put the Grand List online. Tim moved to put the Grand List online, David seconded, motion passed.

DPW Report: Middle Road is ground-up from Lake Street to Vorsteveld Farm and the Happy Valley Road is also ground-up, paving will begin soon. Road crew is busy changing culverts. DPW received a Dig Safe violation warning for a cut wire on East Street from May of 2018.

Old Business:

Dog Ordinance: Joan likes Shoreham's Dog Ordinance and would like to use it as an example and add a few things to make it work for Bridport. Joan moved to continue to work on it, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Masonic Hall: Chris Mullis is coming to clean and wax the floor on July 15th.

Newsletter: We have received positive feedback on the newsletter. We will continue with a quarterly newsletter.

Grange Hall Grant Update: Nothing to report on the Grange Hall Grant.

Fix the Town Clerk Office Ramp: DPW fixed the ramp, in the near future it will need to be replaced.

Glebe Land: Nothing on Glebe Land, we have until January 1st to make a decision.

Postage Meter: Joan moved to get a postage meter for the office, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

2019 Tax Rate: We worked on a preliminary tax rate. David came up with a different tax rate than Irene, Julie, Joan and Suzanne. We will set a final tax rate after grievances and Hold Harmless amount is announced.

Barb Wagner Letter: David will talk to Barb.

Zoning Administration Position: Ed is back from medical leave, Steve DeCarlo will act as the Assistant Zoning Administrator.

Other Business:

Masons are waiting to hear from David about moving stuff so the Hall can be insulated

Historical Society has been offered an old horse shay (small carriage) as a gift. If the Historical Society accepts it, they would like to store it in the Hearse House until their shed is ready, if no one objects. No objection was heard.

Adjourn: Joan moved to adjourn, Tim seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,