

## Selectboard Minutes

November 9, 2020

*Meeting held virtually through a video conference \**

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (chair), Tom Tolbert, Andy Coyne. Paul Fraser and Jessica Pollack

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Bob Stomski, Rich Melanson (BCTV), Jennifer Stromsten (BDCC)

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

- A. Swap shop at the transfer station
- B. Public notice or letter about cones in the road on Pikes Falls
- C. Speed Test
- D. Comment about Halloween

2. Approve the minutes from the October 26, Selectboard meeting

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes from October 26, seconded by Andy. Motion carries, one abstained.

3. Presentation from Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation

Jennifer, from Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, is the director of programs. They serve all the towns in Windham County and the town of Weston. They work a lot with the regional planning commission. They ask every town to fund them at \$3.00 per person. They seek funding because it allows them to do more.

They have a program for succession planning, trying to help people move on and to find buyers. They have a funder round table, trying to get people together to build more relationships. They also have a grant writing program.

4. Discussion and set date for VTrans Local Concerns Meeting for "State Park" Bridge

One of the steps is a local concerns meeting. There will be a presentation and then hear from people about their concerns. Then a recommendation will come on what the next steps are. They would like this to be a part of a Selectboard meeting where people with concerns could come to the meeting.

Greg would like to do this on December 14, 2020. Jessica made a motion that we invite Vtrans to give a presentation on December 14, 2020. Seconded by Andy, all in favor.

5. Update and steps forward with Fire Dept False Alarm Ordinance

Paul would like this to move to the end of the meeting into an executive session.

6. Request to use Town Hall for music recording

There would be 7 people in total. It is like one that was done earlier in the year. The board would like to have a condition that if there is a worse covid outbreak or lockdown, the rental could change. Jessica will write up something to address the concerns of the board. The dates are November 21 and 22. Jessica made a motion to authorize Luminous Crush, contingent on them signing the covid addendum, to use the Town Hall. Seconded by Tom, all in favor.

#### 7. Swap Shop

The swap shop at the transfer station is packed full. You cannot even walk into it right now. If it is something you think no one will take, throw it in the trash. The board would like to have dates or colored stickers so things could be cycled through.

#### 8. Speed Test

The results of the speed test arrived today. None of the results are remarkable. The average speed was 25 MPH. The amount of speeding is around 12 percent. The board would like to increase the 25 MPH on South Hill for another quarter of a mile. The traffic ordinance would need to be revised in order to change it. South Hill is a class 3 road. Charlie Peck had offered to rewrite the traffic ordinance. Greg will reach out to Charlie about this.

We are still waiting to hear back from the state about the speed signs and where we can put them on Route 30. We could use them in other locations.

There are cones that keep appearing on Pikes Falls Road. The cones are being put out for kids to play in the road. Paul would like the board to send a letter telling them they cannot do this. Andy said the sheriff should be the one to tell them. Tom would still like to have a special meeting to say this is what we have done to keep our roads safer, now what can you do to keep your kids safe?

#### 9. Review time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station

No Comments.

#### 10. Review pay orders

There is a problem with the heat in the vault, it is not working. Roy Coburn had worked on it, that is what his invoice is for.

#### 11. Other public concerns

Paul said the residents did an excellent job putting together Halloween. Thank you to all of them! Someone asked the sheriff if they would help keep people on the trick or treat path. A resident asked Andy if the town had hired the sheriff's department. They said no, they were just doing regular Halloween patrol.

Joel would like to know what is going on with the banner with the statement about not tolerating hate. A location has not been found as of now. The church was mentioned. Joel asked if it could be put on the bulletin board in front of Town Hall. Paul suggested using the quote on the banner instead of the statement because it is shorter and would be easier to read.

Tom made a motion to go into executive session because premature general knowledge could place the Town of Jamaica and The Fire Department at a disadvantage if the subject was discussed in public. Seconded by Paul. All in Favor.

Tom made a motion to go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Paul. All in Favor.

Exit executive session at 9:18 p.m. No decision made.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall