

## Selectboard Minutes December 14, 2020

*Meeting held virtually through a video conference \**

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans, Tom Tolbert, Paul Fraser, Jessica Pollack, and Andy Coyne

Public Present; Joel Bluming, Rich Melanson (BCTV), Bob Stomski, Adam Stewart, Laura Stone (VTrans), Pat Meulemans, Alice Abraham, Chris Healy, Sean James (VTrans), Colin Bratton (WRC), Ross Wood, Kristin Wilson, Jared Lindahl, Kyle Ovenauer (VTrans), John Kedzierski, Alex Cole

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

### *1. Call for any late additions to the agenda*

Executive session for a personal matter.

### *2. VTrans Local Concerns Meeting for Depot Street Bridge*

The project is in the early stage. The purpose is to provide a safe passage across the Depot Street bridge. It is referred to as Bridge number 32 and it was constructed in 1926. VTrans regularly rates the bridge from 0 to 9, with 9 being the best. The bridge is currently rated at 6. They are looking at alternatives, one alternative is rehabilitating the existing bridge. An important part of the project is what weight can the bridge carry? Currently, it is posted for 8 tons. Another option is adaptive reuse. It would be a new bridge in a new location and the old bridge would be used for pedestrian use.

A temporary bridge would be needed to close the existing bridge for repairs or replacing. The project must follow Section 106 of the Natural Historic Preservation Act because it is a pre-1927 truss bridge.

The town would have to pay 10 percent of the total of a new bridge. If they choose to do rehabilitation then the town would only be responsible for 5 percent.

The reason the bridge is posted at 8 tons is because of the wooden deck.

When transportation projects use public funds, the law states if there is a feasible alternative, it has to be the preferred alternative for publicly funded projects. If the bridge was rehabilitated, it could last a long time as long as it is maintained.

There are a lot of heavy vehicles that cannot or do not dare cross the bridge including the rescue and fire department, loggers, and normal home services like septic pumping and fuel delivery. The weight is a problem but the size is also an issue as well.

### *3. Change of name proposal for Town Trail #2 leading from Londonderry*

Jared had approached the town about doing some updates to the town trail. Erica Bowman, our 911 coordinator, had contacted Greg about renaming the town trail for 911 purposes. They would like to call it Shatterack Mountain Road, which has been approved by the Londonderry

Selectboard. Tom made a motion the change the name of Town Trail #2 to Shatterrack Mountain Road, seconded by Paul. All in favor.

*4. Approve the minutes from the November 23, Select Board meeting*

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from November 23rd, seconded by Andy. On the second page, it should say “In order to make the lister *an* appointed job.” It should also say we will lose him as a lister and Flood Zone Administrator. Under the pay orders it should say an invoice instead of what it was to avoid confusion.

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with these amendments, seconded by Paul. All in favor.

*5. Discuss and approve signage for Town Hall kiosk*

Paul made a motion to accept the production that Joel gave them with the flag and the statement “hate does not grow in the rocky soils of Vermont”, seconded by Andy. Motion passed 4-1.

*6. Update Jamaica Arts Council Memorandum of Understanding*

The MOU was presented in 2019 and worked well, there was no MOU for 2020. They would like to renew to MOU for 2021-2022. They are asking that the \$250 be due after the first event in case they do not use it like this year. Jessica made a motion to adopt the amendments to the relationship between the town and arts council. The \$250 fee is not due until an event occurs. Greg Meulemans is authorized to sign for the town, seconded by Andy. Motion passed, one abstained.

*7. Discuss cancellation of Dec 28, Select Board meeting*

Andy made a motion to cancel the Dec. 28th meeting, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

*8. Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season*

Please follow the guidelines given to have a safe holiday.

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

*10. Review pay orders*

For refrigeration appliances that are being picked up, we are paying \$20 a unit but only collecting \$12 per unit. Tom recommends warning people ahead of time before raising the rates.

*11. Other public concerns*

None

At 8:45 p.m. Paul made a motion to enter executive session for a personal matter. The discussion could put the individual at a disadvantage if discussed in public.

Tom seconded. All in favor.

Paule moved to go into executive session, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

End executive session at 9:10 p.m. No decision made.

*Submitted by Sara Wiswall*