

Selectboard Minutes June 28, 2021

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (chair), Andy Coyne, Tom Tolbert, Jessica Pollack and Kate Ullman

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Joel Bluming, Austin Rice (BCTV), Laura Stone (VTrans), Karen Ameden, Charlie Peck, John Beagan, Sean James (VTrans), Kyle Obenauer (VTrans), Julie Rose

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

- a. Approval minutes from last Thursday
- b. Update ARPA funding

2. Bridge 32 Alternatives Presentation with VTrans

The Depot Street Bridge is bridge 32, it is near the state park and the village school. The existing bridge was constructed in 1926. It is currently posted for eight tons. The bridge was rated at 6, which is satisfactory.

There is a limited site line when crossing the bridge. The decking has been replaced.

The running boards are not in good condition. The entire bridge is original except for the deck. The truss is in good condition. The structure is in good condition. Vtrans looked at archaeological resources.

Alternative Actions:

1. No Action- Stringer will require action within 5-10 years
2. Rehabilitation- would need a temporary bridge
 - A.H-8 (8-Ton) Design Vehicle
 - B. H-12 (12-Ton) and H-15 (15-Ton) Design Vehicle
 - C. H-20 (20-Ton) Design Vehicle

3. Adaptive Reuse- keep current for foot traffic, build another bridge upstream.

Vtrans recommends H20 Rehabilitation. It is the only rehabilitation that accommodates town fire trucks. There would be a new floor system, deck stringers and floor beams.

The truss would be repaired or replaced. They would clean and paint the remaining truss members. There would also be a new guardrail and abutment work.

The town's share is \$154,083. The bridge would cost \$3,081,665.

The reuse cost would be \$4.2 million with the town's share being over \$400,000.

The town's share is 5% for rehabilitation. It is 10% for a new bridge.

3. Approve the minutes from the June 14th Selectboard meeting

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 14th Selectboard meeting, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on June 23rd, seconded by Kate. 3 in favor, 2 abstentions. Item passed.

4. Update on installation of electronic speed signs on Route 30

We are still waiting for an approved location on the south side of town. The one that is on Route 30, is in an awkward spot that you cannot see until you are close.

5. Review data from speed signs in town, determine need for an additional sign

Greg would like to gather more data.

People were driving faster when the sign was turned off.

Tom would like to purchase an additional sign; Greg would rather spend the money on additional sheriff's hours.

Tom made a motion to purchase an additional speed sign based on the estimate that Terri provided at the last meeting, seconded by Jessica. 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

6. Discuss plan to address parking and usage at Hamilton Falls

We have the sheriff's department's attention about the issues of parking and blocking the road on West Windham Road. The Sheriff's Department brought some signs to Charlie Peck. The road is so narrow and steep, one car pulled off on the side can block trucks. On Friday, they brought all the no parking signs the Sheriff's Department had. There were 20 that were usable. The neon orange signs should send an effective message. There have not been any cars blocking the road since he hung up the signs. They used federal funding last year to have a presence at Hamilton Falls and we are hopeful that this will be available again.

Charlie said that before people would not listen if he told them they cannot park somewhere. Now he can point to the signs and it is more effective.

7. Gather feedback on draft proposal of revised Traffic Ordinance

The board still needs to decide if they will set speed limits on all on the town roads. The board needs to decide if they want to change the ordinance from a criminal to a civil order. If it was changed to a civil ordinance, someone designated by the town could issue tickets. Jessica will work with Charlie to figure out what would be best for the town.

We cannot find the minutes where the board set the speed limit on Depot Street to 25. In the state of Vermont, you cannot change the speed limit without doing a speed study.

8. Discussion/Decision regarding moving forward with Town Hall requests and other uses
The board is comfortable with allowing rentals of the Town Hall again. Tom made a motion to open the Town Hall, as it was before covid, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

9. Discussion/Decision regarding other Covid related operations voted last year
Tom made a motion to resume standard operations as before covid, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

10. Review and act on the Windham County Humane Society contract
Tom made a motion to sign the Humane Society contract that is the same as last year, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

**ARPA Funding-* Terri is the point person. VLCT recommends a motion to accept the funds. Greg Made a motion that the town of Jamaica accept its allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, along with the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements that are requirements of accepting these funds. Seconded by Tom, all in favor.

11. Update in Board of Health issue
Greg is recommending this goes into executive session.

12. Public concerns
Julie Rose would like to propose that there is a discussion that the town has about the guardrail on Water Street. She feels it is not useful where it is. It was put in with FEMA guidelines.
The wildflower is growing, there are some things coming up.
John Beagan said that getting across the bridge is only the beginning for the Army Corps of Engineers.
Joel said the legislature overrode the governor's veto, allowing non-residents to vote in two Vermont towns. Jamaica has a lot of second home owners, it is something we should look into.

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

14. Review pay orders

Greg made a motion to find that premature general public knowledge would put the person involved at a disadvantage if the Selectboard discusses this in public, seconded by Tom.

Tom made a motion to move into executive session at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall