

Selectboard Minutes May 9th, 2022

Selectboard Present: Andy Coyne, Tom Tolbert, Greg Meulemans, Jessica Pollack and Kate Ullman.

Public Present: Terri Garland (Treasurer), Karen Ameden, Erica Bowman, Archie Clark, Archie Clark III

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

1. *Call for any late additions to the agenda*
 - A. Bridge 24 information to Windham Regional to put on the list
 - B. Greg Sochin has cleaned out the swap shop, and will spend time every weekend to organize, and he is volunteering his time. Thank you, Greg!
 - C. Request for another alternative for the DVFiber CUD
 - D. Review the cemetery mowing bid that was just received
2. *Approve the minutes from the April 25th Selectboard Meeting*

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from April 25th, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.
3. *Approve the minutes from the May 2nd Special Meeting*

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2nd Special meeting, seconded by Kate. 3 in favor, 2 abstained
4. *Appoint Interim Library Trustee*

Michael Connor has volunteered to fill the vacant roll as a Library Trustee until town meeting of 2023. The library trustees are going to try and change the term from 5 years to 3 years.

Greg made a motion to appoint Michael Connor to the board of Library Trustees until Town Meeting 2023, seconded by Tom. 4 in favor, 1 abstained.

- 4a. *Appoint alternate to DVFiber*

Tom made a motion, Whereas, as provided in V.S.A Title 30, Chapter 82, section 3059, the legislative body of each member town shall appoint annually a representative and one or more alternates to the Governing Board of the Communications Union District. The Selectboard of the Town of Jamaica hereby appoint Anne Connor as an alternate to the Governing board of the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVFiber) for a term of one year, seconded by Greg. 4 in favor, 1 abstained.
- 5. *Clarify the Road Commissioner definition and appointment*

Greg Meulemans has been appointed Road Commissioner, which is very statute driven position. The road commissioner can make decisions on their own but Greg felt that it

should be the Selectboard voting to make decisions.

Greg made a motion; he would like to be the liaison between the Road Foreman and the Selectboard but not the Road Commissioner, seconded by Tom.

Discussion on Road Commissioner and the Selectboard, on what is expected.

Motion failed 0-5. Subject tabled.

6. *Update the list of members of the Community Septic Committee*

There was a question about Chrissy Haskins being on the committee, she is not on the committee. She is the representative of her company. Bryan Zieroff, Jason Kass, Greg Meulemans and Patrick McQuillan are the committee members.

7. *Review Road Reclassification Plan and Recommendations and set next steps*

There are some roads that the Planning Commission recommended no changes which are Skinner Swamp Road, White Road and Mill Brook.

Hollow Road- This road has trees growing in it, it has not been maintained for 20 years or so. It is recommended to turn into a legal trail.

Henderson Road- This road has not been maintained for a long time. The intersection of Teacher Road over to Howard Road is what the Road Foreman recommended to be changed from a class 3 into class 4.

Blake Road, suggested to discontinue. It is currently a class 3 road. The National Forest would take ownership of this road.

Turkey Mountain Road, a portion is classified as class 3 but should be class 4. This is the end of the road where there are no houses. The Planning Commission recommended discontinuing the portion that lies in the state park land.

Tom made a motion to proceed forward with the recommendations of the Planning Commission to schedule a hearing, seconded by Jessica.

Each road will be discussed and decided on separately. The public can add to the conversation at the hearing and the Selectboard will vote on what roads to reclassify.

There must be notices mailed 30 days before the hearing date.

Motion passed 4-1.

8. *Review and select bid for Culvert 48 Pikes Falls Road*

Moved to beginning of meeting, AS Clark was in attendance.

We received two bids for the work to be done on Pikes Falls Road. The River Engineer would give an extension, the grant is good until December 2023. Should they accept one of the bids or wait and hold off to rebid? The problem is the pre-casters are backed up at the moment.

If the board accepts the bid from AS Clark, for next year, they will need 25% deposit for the engineering and materials. The other option is to rebid this in December, but pricing may increase. There may be more bids received if it is put back out to bid.

Terri said that if we do put it off and bid again in December, the board could put some of this into the budget. She also said that if the bid is accepted, money could be budgeted for next fiscal year.

Tom made a motion to accept the bid from AS Clark and Sons for the work on Pikes Falls Road, culvert 48, for \$356,000 with a 25% cap down payment of the total bid, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

9. Approve Town Road and Bridge Standards

This makes the town in compliance and able to receive funds.

Tom made a motion to approve the Town Road and Bridge Standards, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

10. Certification of Annual Town Highway Financial Plan with VTrans

To certify that we have raised the funds to maintain the mileage of roads we have.

11. Sign Change-Order for Bridge #29 work

We were waiting for FEMA to see if the work would be compensated. The vendor agreed to work with us and wait for payment. FEMA is paying 90%. Tom made a motion to accept the change order for the additional 450 cubic yards in the amount of \$78,750 for a new adjusted total contract price of \$243,250. Seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

12. Sign Rescue Inc contract

Jessica made a motion that the Jamaica Selectboard approve and sign the Rescue Inc Contract for three years, for \$29,647.50 for next year, \$29,949 the following year, and \$32,250.50 the year after. Seconded by Tom. All in favor.

There is a meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. They are asking for one member to attend. The board will figure out who can attend before the date.

12a. Cemetery Bids

We had no bids in the spring for the cemetery mowing. Will Mowrey submitted a bid today. It is about \$780 more than last years bid. There is an additional 6 hours for cleanup.

Tom made a motion to accept the cemetery mowing bid from Will Mowrey for \$6,290, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

12b. Rich Sanborn has offered to take the freon out the appliances that have it and then they can be put in the metal bin. It would cost \$20 per appliance, which is what the town charges people to get rid of them, but we do get money for the metal.

The prices on the sign at the transfer station are wrong and need to be updated.

Jessica received an email from someone interested working at the transfer station.

Andy is asking permission to put Bridge 24 on the list for Windham Regional. It meets all the criteria to be put on the list. It was inspected last year.

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

Greg made a motion to approve pay orders and time sheets, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

14. Review and approve pay orders

15. Public concerns

Jessica said Thank you to Drew Hazelton and his team. They were out this weekend with the dam release.

Karen said Thank you to Rescue Inc for always being there.

The village cemetery has an aging board. They voted at their meeting to give the cemetery to the town. There is about \$70k in funds that would be transferred to the town. The cemetery would need to be deeded to the town. The money that comes in on the interest, basically pays for the maintenance. She would also like the cemeteries to be surveyed. Rawsonville and the Village Cemetery were surveyed in the 1970's.

Erica Bowman has been working on the vacant lot on Water Street with Karen and Jacki, to help draw up a plan to where trees could be planted. The lot is being overtaken by invasive species. They are proposing that someone come in and mow and get rid of the knotweed and black locust. There is an estimate for \$1500.

Andy is opposed to anything else being done on the land, people are already stopping by, walking their dogs, on the property.

Erica said the problem is the invasive species could potentially take over very quickly.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall