

Selectboard Minutes November 8, 2021

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

Public Present: Karen Ameden, Paul Fraser, Clara Robinson, Terri Garland, Rob Willis, Heather Bartels and Greg Joly

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

No late additions

2. Approve the minutes from the October 25th Selectboard meeting

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from October 25th, seconded by Andy. 4 in favor, 1 abstained.

3. Review/Feedback: Proposed House District Map by Legislative Apportionment Board

Some of the towns in our district would no longer be in our district with the redistricting proposal. Sunderland would be in our district which doesn't seem to fit with the rest of the towns. The general consensus is to hold a BCA meeting this week to discuss the changes. We will have an emergency BCA Meeting on Wednesday, November 10th at 5:00 p.m.

4. Proposed new rates Windham County Sheriff's Department

The Sheriff's Department sent a letter saying there will be a rate increase and explained why. The new rate will be \$48 an hour. They still owe us some hours and will be picking those up. Andy would like to have some patrol time on the weekends. There is an article on the reformer explaining the rate increases.

5. Update on Speed Study from Depot and Water Streets

They did a speed study on Water Street and Depot Street. Both studies were done in October. This was to justify setting the speed limit to 25 MPH.

6. Award work for Bridge #29

There was substantial damage done in the July storm. The riprap needs to be replaced for the stability of the bridge. It will need about 504 cubic yards. We have two quotes, one from A.S. Clark & Sons at \$195, and Hunter Excavating bid \$175. Tom made a motion to accept the riprap bid for bridge #29 on West Jamaica Road from Hunter Excavating, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

7. Update on roads – winter prep – FEMA

Jessica and Tom met with Ben Wheeler on Castle Hill. There is a culvert that is failing that they believe is a lot of the problem.

Discussion on problems with the roads.

Greg would like to work on the budget as to where we are spending money on the roads.

There is now some FEMA money available and some hazard mitigation money.

8. Discussion/Dates to start budget planning process

Sunday, December 5th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

9. Reminder Town Plan Hearing date – 11/15, 7:00

The Planning Commission is working on amending our town plan. They will have a hearing on Monday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. The Selectboard Hearing will be the early part of next year.

10. Public concerns

Tom wanted to know if the spot on Water Street will be filled soon. Terri is not sure if it will get done before winter.

Bridge 32 was taken off the list from VTrans.

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

12. Review pay orders

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall