

Selectboard Minutes

April 10, 2023

Selectboard Present: Jessica Pollack (chair), Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Greg Meulemans, Kate Ullman and Derek Ahl

Public Present: Karen Ameden, Susan Ahl, Mike Tuller, Gary Laroche (VTrans), and Sean James (bridge engineer)

Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

- A. posting feasibility study for wastewater project
- B. Town Admin report

2. Approve the minutes from the March 27th Selectboard meeting

Greg made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27th meeting, seconded by Kate. Change Rawsonville Markey to Market. All in favor.

3. VTrans presentation on the Depot Street bridge plans

Presentation on Depot Street bridge by Gary Laroche from VTrans and Sean James the engineer.

The preliminary plans have recently been completed. The next steps are:

- Property owner contact
- Environmental permitting
- Right of way process
- Final plans
- Advertise project

The total span is 165 feet.

They are looking for people's thoughts on if the bridge traffic works adequately now or do we need STOP/YIELD signs.

They will rehabilitate the current thrush for 20-ton live load rating.

- * The roadway will be maintained
- * New guardrails
- * Stream relocation
- * Additional drainage
- * Paint all steel
- * Partial replacement of lower chord at each bearing

- * Floor beams replaced
- * Bearings will be repaired or replaced
- * Concrete back wall replaced
- * Some utilities will need to be relocated downstream of the initial bridge
- * Temporary bridge upstream
- * Temporary lights and signals
- * One lane traffic at all times
- * Detour area reviewed

They will need to cut some trees but they will be replaced/replanted.

Construction will start in the fall of 2024.

The town is liable for 5% of the preliminary engineering. The total cost is \$510,000, which the town share of 5% being \$25,500. The construction phase cost is \$3,949,570 with no cost to the town! The total cost is \$4,459,570 with the town cost of \$25,500.

4. Review and act on Overweight Permits

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for AmeriGas, seconded by Derek. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Dead River Company, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Cota & Cota Inc., seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Gurney Brothers Construction Inc., seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for BSP Trans Inc., seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Consolidated Communications, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

5. Approval of Tobacco Substitute Endorsement

Greg made a motion to approve the Tobacco Substitute Endorsement, seconded by Jessica.

Discussion on what the license is for.

Andy made a motion to table the item until the next meeting, seconded by Derek. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to disprove, seconded by Derek. All in favor.

Andy made a motion to table the item until the next meeting and to invite the applicant to attend the next meeting, seconded by Derek. All in favor.

6. Approval of Town Acceptance of the Village Cemetery

The agenda item was premature. The Village Cemetery Association of Vermont is in general agreement to resolve; however this is some concern of the burden on the town at this time.

7. Update on action to appoint committee to recommend candidates for the treasurer/delinquent tax collector

The town charter requires appointing a committee consisting of 1 lister, 1 Selectboard member and 4 residents of the town. Tom Tolbert, Susan Ahl, Ed Dorta-Duque and John Beagan are the residents, Pat Meulemans is the lister and Jessica Pollack is the Selectboard representative.

The first meeting will be Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m.

A. Late addition- wastewater study

Derek would like the information for the 60% meeting put on the website, only the information for the meeting was on the website.

Discussion on wastewater study. There will be more information available in June.

Derek would like the information from the public meeting shared with the public. Andy said that we are discussing something not on the agenda and it should be warned. Greg will take this back to the committee to decide what and when to post the information.

B. Late addition- Town Admin report

Questions should go directly to Mike concerning his reports.

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

Jessica made a motion to approve the time sheets, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

9. Review and approve pay orders

Jessica made a motion to approve the pay orders, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Casella has purchased Triple T. They will fulfill our contract.

10. Public concerns

Susan Ahl said that the library is waiting to hear from the Department of Agriculture to partner with the community church to have a food distribution program. It would be a CSA pickup at the church. This will be a summer program that you do not have to qualify for, you just need to have a child age 0-18.

Andy made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall