

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
October 7th, 2015**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectmen; Linda McGuire, Treasurer; Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner; David Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator, Gary Salmon, Tree Warden (Arriving late)

Eric McLellan – Green Mountain Power representative

Members of the Public:
David Fretz

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the agenda. . Approved

Road commissioner:

Eastham Road Work Within ROW

Jamie introduced Eric McLellan, from Green Mountain Power (GMP), who presented a Petition and Order for Pole and Wire Locations (Petition and Application for Work within the Highway Right of Way), in order to provide electrical service to the Young property on Eastham Road (003-2-0790). The work described a combination of underground and overhead electrical cabling construction. The Road Commissioner had previously conferred with Mr. McLellan in order to address any concerns the Road Commissioner had for burying cable in the Town ROW, such as the depth of the trench and the log wood generated by the felled trees.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the application for work within the Town ROW in order to provide electrical service to the subject property. Discussion: Steven asked about the fiber optic cable and was assured that the trench would be properly marked via Dig-Safe as well as it being planned to be approximately four feet deeper than where the fiber is laid. Mr. McLellan indicated that GMP has inspectors on site while these types of projects are in progress.
Approved

Spring Lake Road Box Culvert:

Jamie presented a Structures Grant Agreement for the installation of a Box Culvert at the foot of Spring Lake Road for approval. The Road Commissioner anticipates that construction will commence sometime in the summer of 2016. He has requested engineering consultation from Otter Creek Engineering because of the Spring Lake Ranch sewer line that is also a factor in the construction. Jamie has stated planning with Spring Lake Ranch in respect to logistics for an anticipated temporary road closure.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Structures Grant for the Spring Lake Road Box Culvert. Approved

Grader

Jamie informed the Selectboard that he was able to sell the old Grader for \$45,000 to Fuller Sand & Gravel.

Shrewsbury Hazard Mitigation Plan:

David Rice, Shrewsbury Emergency Management Coordinator presented the Certificate of Adoption for the Vermont Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. David summarized the approval and adoption processes that was initiated last summer. Mitigation Plans are required in order to be eligible FEMA Grants. The current Plan has been approved by FEMA in conjunction with RRPC. The resolution presented is the final requirement needed for record. The current plan has a term of five (5) years before it will require an update.

Steven moved and Bert seconded to adopt the Shrewsbury Hazard Mitigation Plan. Approved

Cold River Road Geomorphic Study Contract:

OCE had resubmitted for reevaluation the Cold River Road Geomorphic Study proposal. It was explained in further detail that the study would be required regardless of which way the Town decided to proceed, that is, either stabilizing the slide in the area of 4400 Cold River Road or actually relocating the road away from the Cold River because there is no suitable methodology for building a stabilizing wall. The Road Commissioner supported the idea of knowing what the options might be in respect to where the ledge might be, if present at all in the area. Based on observations of the Road Commissioner the area is becoming more tenuous and he would anticipate catastrophic failure within a closer time frame than first anticipated.

Steven moved and Bert seconded to approve the Haley & Aldrich Geomorphic Study for the Cold River Road. Approved

Trees on the Brown Covered Bridge:

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden had indicated earlier that he would be late because of a prior commitment.

State of Vermont Grant Agreements (E-sign):

Steven moved and Bert seconded to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute the State of Vermont e-Sign Program documents. Approved

Nursesey School Update:

Aaron indicated that the storm windows have arrived and that the installation work for the windows and gutters will be commencing shortly. He indicated that he anticipates that Cold River Services will be starting the cleaning around the 19th of October. Aaron will investigate the relocation of the propane tank from under the eaves so that ice does not build up in the winter months.

Dog / Wolf Hybrid Ordinance:

Steven requested tabling discussion until next Selectboard meeting.

Open to the Public:

David Fretz inquired about the trees on the Brown Bridge (Gary Salmon had not yet arrived). The Clerk summarized a concern forwarded to him from Mark Sargent, AOT Project Manager Structures regarding potential tree hazards impacting the Brown Bridge. Because the Trees appeared to be out of the Town ROW and outside the scope of Wright Construction who are currently rehabilitating the Brown Bridge, the Tree Warden was asked to investigate. The trees were indeed about to impact the bridge but were located on the Heathcote property downstream from the bridge. The Tree Warden, in discussions with some of the workers at the construction site, determined that Wright Construction could remove the trees if they had permission to access the property but it also was outside the State contracted scope of work. Gary Salmon contacted Leslie Heathcote and obtained permission and also requested Wright to Remove the Trees in so far as the Town was obligated per contract to maintain the bridge

structure. Gary wanted to confirm that the Selectboard would approve the invoice from Wright Construction for approximately \$600.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of September 16th, 2015. No discussion. Approved

New Business:

Bert informed the Selectboard that he will not be in attendance at the next meeting and it is possible he will not be at the following meeting, although that is not definitive at this time.

Tree Warden:

Gary Salmon arrived late, and summarized the Brown Bridge tree removal expense. In addition Gary briefed the Selectboard on the status of his hazardous tree inventory and removal of hazardous trees on VT. Rte. 103.

Orders

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve:

Road Commissioner Orders # 10 of October 7, 2015 for \$7,045.21 and Selectboard Orders # 10 of October 7, 2015 for \$29,111.57. (Note: \$25,863.52 of the Selectboard Orders is for the Town Garage Bond Payment) No discussion. Approved

Meeting was duly adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.