

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
September 20, 2017**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Sharon Winnicki, Chair - Board of Listers;
Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Determination of proposal for FEMA required Archeological Assessment for the 4400 Cold River Road Mitigation Grant. Approved

Retention of Counsel for Appeal of BCA Findings to Superior Court of Schmults Lister Grievance

Appeal:

Because the Town Agent, Barry Griffith cannot represent the Town for a property owner's appeal to the Superior Court because of previous participation in the Board of Civil Authority proceedings, the Town will require to retain legal counsel for a requested hearing to the Superior Court. Both the Listers and the BCA, requested of the Selectboard that a firm with previous and demonstrated experience in Assessment Appeals before the judiciary be retained. A possible candidate for this endeavor is the firm of Webber Chapman & Kupferer. Because Barry Griffith is currently unavailable, the Listers will be communicating with the BCA to ascertain the availability and process by which Counsel will be retained and what processes will take place in the future in preparation for possible litigation.

Dog Ordinance Enforcement:

Tabled until Bert has had an opportunity to discuss assistance specifics with the Rutland Co. Sheriff.

Open to the Public:

No members of the Public were present at this time.

Excess Weight Permit:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Excess Weight Permit for Catamount Forest Products LLC. All required documentation has been received. Approved

Archeological Assessment of Cold River Road Mitigation Site:

A proposal was received from UVM, via Mark Youngstrom of Otter Creek Engineering. After a previous discussion by Bert with Alan Shelvey, and an understanding that this study was a standard requirement by FEMA in the awarding of Mitigation Grants, the Selectboard was ready to move forward with accepting a proposal from one of the entities conducting the archeological assessment. Currently only one proposal, from UVM, was forwarded to the Selectboard. The estimated cost is for ~ \$4,500.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to authorize UVM to conduct the Archeological Assessment in preparation for grant application for the Cold River Road mitigation proposal. Approved.

FEMA Disaster 4330:

The Road Commissioner and Town Clerk attended a mandatory meeting of FEMA and VT State Dept. of Emergency Management representatives at the District 3 VT DOT facility in Mendon Wednesday August 30 for those Rutland County Towns applying for Public Assistance Grants for damage incurred during the June 29-July 1 rain events. Shrewsbury incurred additional damage to the bank of the Cold River in the area of 6804 Cold River Rd. that will require mitigation in the form of additional bank stabilization and armoring. The Town is qualified to receive a grant and has made an application for assistance. Currently the Road Commissioner is gathering necessary permits and estimates in order to proceed within the circumscribed procedures of FEMA disaster assistance.

Road Commissioner – Report

Employment Candidate

Jamie reported that an applicant for the Road Crew open position has been interviewed and Jamie anticipates that he will be making an employment offer to him in the next day or two. The Road Commissioner reported that the candidate is a qualified CDL driver, who has been working seasonally for a known vendor, who is looking for something more steady and determinable.

Northam Road Culvert

Jamie reported that the culvert on Northam Rd., just below Mountain School Road, in the vicinity of the Shrewsbury Community Church property access is having serious integrity issues. Jamie anticipates that he will need to replace the structure within the next construction season. The Road Commissioner anticipates that this will require a Structures Grant from VTrans including engineering and permitting, and a resetting of the anticipated order in which other scheduled projects will be addressed. The project will also impact current paving plan, which will be addressed by working around the area avoiding tearing up any new paving next year when it is anticipated that the culvert work will commence.

FEMA Event 4330 / 6804 Cold River Road Bank Stabilization

Jamie has received some of the permits for the anticipated work. He anticipates that he will be able to commence preliminary work sometime around October 9th, per the Agency of Natural resources. The in-stream work will be allowed because of the emergency mitigation aspect of the project.

Culverts and Water Drainage on Gaynor Road:

Jamie Carrara reminded the Selectboard that even on Class 4 Roads the Town must maintain culverts and bridges.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Minutes of September 6, 2017. Approved

Orders

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve:

Road Commissioner Orders # 9A of September 20, 2017 for \$11,369.97 and Selectboard Orders # 9A of September 20, 2017 for \$34,500.95. Approved (Note: Selectboard Orders includes a Garage Bond Payment of \$24,000)

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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