

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
August 15th , 2018**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Sharon Winnicki, Chair Board of Listers; Ray Dambrackus, 1st Constable; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Members of the Public
Jack Perry, President SVFD

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Listers' Errors and Omissions Report. Approved with modifications.

Listers- Errors and Omissions Report:

Sharon Winnicki submitted the following for approval by the Selectboard of actions regarding the Grand List:

Two (2) Current Use purges received from PVR: either from Non-compliance or withdraw
One (1) HS 122 Homestead Declaration Modification

Comcast appraisal change – Public Service / Utilities valuations are set by the State

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the E&O report as submitted by the Listers.

Approved

Sharon informed the Selectboard that the Listers had prepared a report as a follow up response / clarification in regards to a recent Board of Abatement request and decision. Sharon indicated that that it was in response to requests she considered harassment by the abatement applicant. She indicated that the time involved in preparing the report would be reflected in the submission of hours worked by both of the Listers.

Constable Report:

Ray Dambrackas had three items he wanted to bring to the attention of the Selectboard. Overnight Camping / squatting at the Brown Bridge area. Ray reported that he had responded to reports of prolong overnight camping in the area upstream from the Brown Covered Bridge. Upon investigation, Ray reported that there appears to be two semi-permanent campsites about a quarter mile upstream from the bridge. Ray indicated that there are no visible "No Overnight Camping" or "No Overnight Trespassing" signs posted. Without them, Ray indicated that obtaining State assistance would be prohibitive. Bert indicated that the Town will obtain signs for posting and that he will be contacting the Sheriff seeking assistance for formulating a deterrence plan.

Ray investigated reports of a squatter on the Benson property off 4301 Cold River Rd. Ray reported that when he first confronted the individual the trespasser indicated that he was considering purchasing the property which is currently up for sale. Ray could not validate the dubious claim with the current owners. When Ray confronted the individual again, the trespasser relocated to the other side of the Cold River in the vicinity of the Brown Bridge. Ray indicated that Jack Perry has noticed an individual fitting the description on his side of the Cold River along the Upper Cold River Rd. Ray reported that the investigation is still ongoing to identify the individual.

Traffic Control for the Shrewsbury Day Parade. Ray indicated at the meeting that he will be supporting the event, but will be seeking assistance by a minimum of two other trained Traffic Controllers. Ray did have concerns regarding liability. There was a mis-understanding with Bert in that Steven had already verified that the Town's carrier, VLCT indicated that the Town was covered for the event taking place on Town Property (roads) and who might the other Controllers be obtained from in so far as the SVFD will be participating in the parade. Jack Perry indicated that there is some confusion on the part of individual members of the department in so far as individual members have been contacted by a variety of event planners and consistent requirements are sometimes difficult to come by. Both Jack as president of the SVFD, and Ray as Constable and the Selectboard are supportive of the event but are used to specific points of contact for communicating information and updates. All were confident and supportive of a successful event.

Cold River Road Mitigation Project:

Bert reported that he, Alan Shelvey and Carroll Adams had a successful meeting at the Adams property last week. Mr. Adams is supportive of the project and was very cognizant of the urgency in responding to erosion impacting the Cold River Road. Bert reported that Carroll was positive in respect to the verbal explanations and propositions made. Bert indicated that the next step would be to obtain a Purchase and Sales Agreement so that an Engineering and Contracting RFP could be released.

Town Office Exterior Maintenance:

Aaron reported that he is still attempting to contact contractors to do initial maintenance so as to mitigate any further deterioration to the back of the building while the weather permits. With a follow-up or second phase next spring.

Open to the Public:

No public present.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of 8/1/2018. Approved

Orders:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve:

Selectboard Orders #8A of 8/15/2018 for \$3,428.03 and Road Commissioner Orders #8A of 8/15/2018 for \$17,718.93. (Note: ~\$5k of the Road Orders was for winter sand stockpiling).

Approved

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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