

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
November 7th , 2018**

Present at Meeting:

Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Randy Page, Delinquent Tax Collector
Linda McGuire, Treasurer
Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner
Dan Cavoto, Road Crew Member
Mark Youngstrom, Otter Creek Engineering

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Road Commissioner's Report, specific to a Grant application and Personnel Issues. Approved with modifications

Delinquent Tax Collector's Report:

Per statutory requirement, Randy Page, Delinquent Tax Collector made his report to the Selectboard in regard the status of delinquent taxes. In summary Randy indicated that currently there is approximately \$113,000 in delinquent taxes. Randy noted that this is substantially above the typical amount which is about \$40,000. Randy pointed out that most of the taxes due are attributed to two accounts, Oresman and Schiermeyer, the former being a matter of the Oresman Estate fiduciary receiving the tax bill in a timely manner and the latter who has initiated an Abatement request but is unavailable for a hearing till the early part of 2019. Randy listed the remaining outstanding accounts to typical late filing or current outstanding account balances.

Randy indicated that he is methodically continuing to contact and monitor delinquent accounts and is optimistic that the Town will receive the taxes owed.

Cold River Road Mitigation Project:

Otter Creek Engineering had submitted for review and approval a Proposal for Design and Construction Phase of the Cold River Road Relocation project. Included in the proposal is the necessary tasks for the necessary sub-division of the Adams parcel.

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve and sign the proposal from OCE. Approved

Mark Youngstrom, upon request from Steven, will forward the names of a couple of local attorneys who would be able to expeditiously draw up the required conveyance instruments for acquisition of the land needed for the relocation of the Cold River Road.

Gaynor Road

Mark Youngstrom inquired about the status of the Gaynor Road in the attempt to substantiate rumors that the Town was considering "opening" the road from Lottery Rd. to VT Rte. 103. Aaron commented on the status of the road as a Class 4 road and inherently is required to stay "open" (not gated), and further, from his perspective it is open even past the Lucian property. Any possible improvements or upgrading of the road will have substantial associated costs and impediments because of the fact that it crosses the Appalachian National Scenic Trail corridor. The Road Commissioner commented that even though property owners along the road can

make improvements in order to access their property, that does did not give those land owners license to ignore Codes and Standards that the Town must adhere to pertaining to Class 4 roads.

Road Commissioner's Report:

The RR Crossing on Town Hill Road will not be fixed this year according to Jamie. He had received indication that it would be pushed off till next year because priority was being given to other crossings in the Rutland area with similar status but have much more egregious disfunction and those crossings had been done first with AOT exceeding their budget for this type of repair for this year. Jamie indicated that Shrewsbury is still in the que and should be done in 2019.

Jamie received information regarding a Grant that is available from AOT through the Rutland Regional Planning Commission for a *Systematic Local Roads Safety Program*. The grant which is similar to the High Risk Rural Road Program makes signage improvements and in some cases guard rail installations on roads deemed to be hazardous. Jamie indicated that all Vermont local roads will need to be in compliance with the signage mandate by 2020 – 2021. The grant allows Shrewsbury to get a substantial lead in meeting the compliance mandate for little to no cost. In so far as the program will install a number of new signs, similar to the Cold River Rd. Because of the impact with additional signage, Jamie requests that the Selectboard approve the grant and are aware of the impact in appearance and the character of the roads.

Steven and moved and Aaron seconded to authorize approval of the 2018 Systemic Local Roads Safety Program grant. Approved

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues with the Road Commissioner. Approved

Enter Executive Session 7:52 PM

Exit Executive Session 8:08 PM

Steve moved and Aaron seconded to authorize the Road Commissioner to continue to monitor and document ongoing personnel issues. Approved

New Business:

Linda reported that because the Stop Check order was made at a local branch of Community Bank, that apparently there were no associated fees attributed to the request.

Linda requested to be placed on the agenda in order for the next Selectboard meeting in order to address the timeliness of Transfer Station income receipts, primarily the income generated from punch card sales.

Minutes:

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the minutes of 10/17/2018. Approved

Orders:

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve:

Selectboard Orders #11 of 11/7/2018 for \$5,809.82 and Road Commissioner Orders #11 of 11/7/2018 for \$16,523.29. Approved

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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