

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
August 7th, 2019**

Present at Meeting:

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

Jonathan Gibson – Ad Hoc Telecom Group
Mark Youngstrom – DRB / OCE
Adrienne Raymond – Zoning Administrator
Gary Salmon – Tree Warden
Sharon Winnicki – Lister
Liesbeth van der Heijden
Carroll Adams

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Letter in Response to PUC order for second Workshop regarding service provider battery power backup, additional application for Work In ROW. Approved with modifications

GMP – Reliability Project Discussion:

Aaron reported that the GMP contacted him to postpone the discussion until September 4th.

Cold River Road Relocation & Lottery Rd Culvert Status:

Cold River Road Relocation:

Paving, shoulder construction and striping are slated to be completed in the next week. Carroll Adams presented his concerns as to the sight lines of the relocated road and his driveway. Carroll was especially concerned that the vegetation on the southside of the project site has the potential to impede his access and egress line of sight. Carroll was particularly concerned about maintenance especially mowing in the area that has been newly seeded. Mark Youngstrom indicated that the project calls for tree planting, on the northern side of the project site (old roadbed reclamation). Otter Creek Engineering and the Selectboard assured Carroll that the siting of any trees will be in consultation with Gary Salmon, Tree Warden and will not impede line of sight and/or access to Carroll's driveway.

Lottery Rd. Culvert Project:

No change in status at this time.

Applications for Work In ROW:

Applications were received from Weldon Terrell for a trench across Button Hill Rd. for electrical utility. The Road Commissioner made comments in respect construction specifics of the trench and timing and placement of road closure signs. It was noted by the Selectboard that apparently the work was completed prior to the communication of the Road Commissioners comments, resulting in an unexpected road closure that impeded the public from accessing the town highway for a considerable amount of time.

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve the application for Work in ROW for 300 Button Hill Rd. Approved

Application was received from Gary Sheldon for 4301 Cold River Rd.

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve the application. Discussion: Conditions set by the Road Commissioner to be followed. Approved

Brown Bridge Area Camping:

Bert reported that he was unable to get a response from the Sheriff's office so he contacted the Vermont State Police in respect to getting support for eviction of transients camping in the Brown Bridge area. The State Police indicated they can support the enforcement of a specific ordinance that the Town has adopted. Bert indicated that he will be contacting VLCT to see if there is a model template as to ordinances regarding specific uses of public land that might be modified to address the specific issue of overnight long-term camping on Town land.

Zoning Administrator – New Fee Schedule:

Adrienne Raymond presented a new fee schedule to accommodate changes in the Zoning Regulations and new State recording fees schedule. Schedule will be sent to the Times of Shrewsbury and posted on the Town Website.

Steven moved and Bert seconded to approve the new Zoning Administrator Fee Schedule. Approved.

New Business:

PUC Order regarding expansion of Workshop:

Jonathan Gibson representing the ad hoc Telecommunications Working Group presented a letter for the Selectboard to support and sign for transmission to the PUC in respect to the Public Utility Commission Order on the Expansion of a Workshop regarding service provider battery backup obligations for maintenance of E-911 telephone service with specific points for the Workshop to address.

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the letter and its transmittal to the PUC. Approved

New Propane Tank:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to switch out the propane tank to a larger one that will accommodate both the hot water on demand system, radiant heating of the vault and emergency generator. Discussion: It is anticipated that the cost per gal of propane will go down because the supplier will have only one tank to fill with a larger volume of product. Approved

Minutes:

The Selectboard was notified by the Town Treasurer once the tax rate was set on July 3rd, the Tax Bills were sent out. The Treasurer attempted to change the fee for future billing pursuant to the action taken by the Selectboard on July 17th. Apparently, the status of the billing can not be changed in conjunction with the VT Dept of Taxes processes once the Town's input has been initialized. Hence, motion to reconsider and impose the late fee from the July 17th Selectboard meeting is moot, the late filing fee will not be charged for 2019.

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of 7/17/2019 as modified. Approved

Open to the Public:

No members of the Public present

Shrewsbury Days:

The Selectboard received notification in respect to the finalized parade staging location and parade route. Similar to last year, there will be a temporary road closure of the road from Crown Point Road to the Meeting House access road across from Cemetery Rd. in front of Maplecrest Farm on Sunday September 15th. The parade will commence at 11 AM and last approximately forty-five (45) minutes.

Orders:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve:

Selectboard Orders #8 of 8/7/2019 of \$2,602.95 and Road Commissioner Orders #8 of 8/7/2019 for \$ 42,090.78. Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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