

SELECTBOARD MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Those attending: Selectboard: Michael Hogan, Jack Daniels, Fred Ducharme, Ted Domey (by phone), Fred Ducharme
Town: Karen Deasy, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter
Community Members: Ruth Goodrich, Jessica Miller, David Pike, Jennifer Miner, Marcy Martin, Jeff Haslett, Larry Gochey, Adam Overbay
Other: Aldrich and Elliott – Joseph Krupa and Brad Elliot

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Bernie and seconded by Fred. Mike would like to add under other business and comment on a note we received from a contractor about a local citizen's involvement with that contractor performing work for the town. Roll call was taken and the motion passed with the addition under Other Business unanimously.
3. Approve Minutes of September 18, 2018 Selectboard Meeting: A motion was made by Fred with a second by Bernie to accept the minutes as written. A roll call was taken with Jack abstaining. Motion passed. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to accept the minutes from the Emergency Selectboard meeting on September 23, 2018. A roll call was taken and motion passed with Jack abstaining.
4. Public Comment – Jessica would like to have the website used for projects that are on-going. The Board mentioned that the Town is in the process of updating its website and making it available for current and future projects.
5. Water and Wastewater – Karen discussed the water lines being flushed. All the testing has come back negative. We should know within a week or two to see if after the chlorine is out of the system and if the water is good. Jessica asked why something like this could happen. It was explained that there was some sand and rock in the lines in the excavation process. Bacteria can be found in sand, rock and pipe (the pipe is not sterile when it is placed in the ground). Joe said some sediment and sand can go in the pipe very easily when putting a line together. More than what was expected got in the line. They then flushed out the sediment and put chlorine in the line. Jeff talked to Ethan who tests his water and that his water is fine and cannot taste any chlorine in the water.

Fred asked how long it has been since we had coliform in the water. It has been over two years since we have had any problems with the water lines. Larry says the smell and taste is very bad right now. Hopefully, another week and you won't be able to taste it. Karen said they also will be flushing the hydrants in the next couple of weeks.

Karen stated that she has touched base with the insurance company for all the extra services that had to be done due to the water issue. They have not determined if this will be covered under the Alliance insurance. We are holding \$17,805.46 retainage from Alliance on the last invoice which amounts to \$84,338.92 which is the balance owed to Alliance minus the retainage. If their insurance does not cover this work, we have enough in the retainage to cover the added expenses incurred.

Jack asked if the project has been done satisfactorily. Karen said Alliance is done on what they can do. There is other things that need to be done but not by Alliance. Jeff is wondering about the hedge that was put in and what the warranty would be. Karen is not sure. Jeff would like to see the receipts for the trees and a warranty on them. Mike asked Karen to look into that and make sure we have something in writing. Jack is wondering if there is a penalty on not paying the requisition. We have 30 days to pay them and it will expire on 10/28/18, so the Board will decide at its next scheduled meeting to determine if the insurance will cover the chlorinating of the lines.

Larry asked about the work on the road. Karen said we have one year. Larry is wondering if we should hold back for the work that might be done on the road. We do have a performance bond for one year if any work has to be done. The board agreed to defer this payment until 10/23/18 at 6 p.m. Karen is wondering if the Selectboard would like to talk to Aldrich & Elliott regarding Alliance performance. Currently we are required to take the lowest bidder and they would suggest that we discuss this with the State of Vermont for pre-qualifying contractors in the future for this type of work so it is not always the lowest bidder.

Wastewater has two potential projects that will have particular wastewater needs that will require a consultant to see if our system can handle this type of waste. The waste is mainly wash water but high BOD levels which takes the

oxygen out of the water. It was suggested that Randy Bean who used to work for the State of Vermont ANR Wastewater systems would be capable of determining if our system would be able to handle this. Karen stated that we have \$4,000 in the budget for engineering and his price would be \$63.00/hour plus expenses and thought it would take around 5-6 hours. Jessica thought we should know who the entities would be coming into the Town, but Karen can't release the company's name at this time. Jessica would like to know what kind of company and why it is a secret. Karen commented it's all in preliminary stages to see if our system can handle this and they are doing research to see if the Town would be a match for their business. Mike asked how soon Randy could start. Karen stated he would be able to start next week. Jack moved to hire Randy Bean with the cost not to exceed \$500.00 on consulting on the initial review to be charged to the wastewater system with the money spent for this may be recouped by the applicants with a second by Bernie. A roll call was taken and it passed unanimously.

6. Road Commissioner

- a. Project Schedule – Karen received a request from Michael and Susie Socks on an underground water line across the road on Urban Farm Road 4 feet deep and they are looking to have the work done on October 11th. They will be putting in a conduit so if anything happens to the line, they will need to just pull the line out to work on. Jack moved that we approved the request from Michael and Susie Socks to place a conduit not less than 4 feet below ground level with a second by Fred. A roll call was taken and it was passed unanimously.
- b. Karen discussed Rock Salt bids. The price from the State of Vermont went up to \$89 a ton. American Rock Salt is \$79.75 per ton, and last year we paid \$68 a ton. With what we have in the budget we can purchase 461 tons and we could be over budget on rock salt by \$15,000 if we order the same as last year. Dave Pike said American Rock Salt is a good company and always came through. Karen said we have never had a problem with that company. Mike asked why the price is up. Fuel prices and trucking. Jack moved that we contract with American Rock Salt for 500 tons at \$79.75 per ton for the 2018/2019 season with a second by Bernie. A roll call was taken and it passed unanimously. Karen will tell them 500 tons and they only bill what you use. They always deliver when it is requested. Fred asked how many tons in the salt shed, and was told there was about 72 tons.

7. Town Clerk

- a. Orders – These were signed.
- b. FY19 Municipal Enhanced Energy Planning Grant – Towns are now required to update the energy compliance on the cutting the energy in the town and supporting. We have done some work on this, but we need to work on it more. The regional planning commission is looking for a few towns to work on this and if we submit something to them by October 19, we may be selected for this grant.

8. Other Business

- a. Fred asked Karen about the paving on the projects in town. Karen said waiting for Pike to let her know when they will be coming.
 - b. Betty reported on Recycling Bulk Day. There were 84 loads that were brought in. Everyone told Betty and Michelle how much they appreciated it. She would like to do that twice a year: one in the spring and one in the fall. The metal container was overflowing at the Recycle Center. This was a well-received endeavor for the Town.
 - c. The Town contracts with many individuals on projects in town. We had an issue where the contractor was confronted with someone in town regarding their job. The appropriate persons to talk to is the Selectboard, Town Clerk, Road Foreman or Karen. Whether you like the project or not common courtesy should always be used in how we treat people. Ruth would like to have that put on Front Porch Forum and Mike thought that was a very good idea and he will put something together for FPF.
9. Adjourn – a motion was made by Jack and seconded by Bernie and a roll call was taken and it passed unanimously. We adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer