

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lourie, Deborah Baker, Thomas Wilson, Philip E. Mazzucco and Linda Montague.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Davenport, Donald S. Lewis, Althea Lewis, John McInerney, Susan Nichols, Philip Chapman, Jane Davies, Jean Ceglowski, John LaVecchia, Arlene Horn and Donald Horn.

February minutes reviewed. Motion by Debbie, seconded by Tom to approve the minutes with one minor correction as noted. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The office will be open on April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for dog licensing. Deadline is April 2nd.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mark received the minutes of the last Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance meeting.

2. Ray Smith is expected to advise the Board with more details on landscaping prices for the Highway Garage.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: the stock of sand and salt are quite depleted and we have exceeded our salt budget. Tom got a quote for removing twelve trees at \$4,350.00. He will get one or two more estimates for the job. A \$175,000.00 Class 2 paving grant has been applied for 2.2 miles on east side of Rupert Mountain (Route 315). Green truck's clutch has been replaced. White truck's clutch adjusted. Dodge needed attention to the water pump and shift lock. The Board signed the Annual Financial Plan for Highways.

2. The next Town Green meeting will be held on Tuesday April 3rd to work on project planning.

3. Jane Davies, Ryan Davenport and John LaVecchia presented possible means of constructing a larger septic system for Sheldon's Store. John talked with the Vermont land Trust who controls the development rights over the conserved area of the Town Green land. They said that there would have to be a compelling reason to not have the septic system on the non-conserved portion. Use of the Flood Hazard area, test pits, Land Trust approval, parking and zoning were discussed. Board's consensus was to wait until after the Town Green Committee has met.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John McInerney passed out information packets to the Selectboard that supported his case for changing the name of Suncrest Road to Farrar Road. Arlene and Don Horn said that the impact on the road's residents would be significant, especially for those who have rural route mail delivery. The Board's consensus was to table any decision on the matter until the next meeting.

2. Orders were signed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jean Ceglowski questioned why Trinity Delano's Town Warning petition was denied, and stated that the Board should have included it on the Warning to encourage Trinity's efforts to participate in the democratic process. Also, she felt that it would have been appropriate at the Informational Pre-town Meeting for the Board to have thanked the people who have been feeding the feral cats at the old Transfer Station site. Mark replied that it was not the Town's jurisdiction to place the climate change and feral cats petitions on the Warning, and explained why. Jean then asked the Board why TD Bank is used for the Health Reimbursement Account, citing that TD Bank is invested in oil pipelines around the nation. That fact was the compelling reason for her to close her accounts there and use another bank. Mark said the Town has no jurisdiction over pipelines or climate change and that contacting our State Representative and Senators about these issues would be a better way to deliver your concerns.

2. Althea Lewis asked about having a Town bulletin board set up in a public place. The Board had approved for the purchase of one at a previous meeting, but it has not been ordered yet. Robert Bain mentioned to Althea that the Fire Company would be willing to share the cost with the Town for a lighted sign which mutually could be used.

3. Don Lewis said he has located the March 16, 1907 deed for the transfer of the North Rupert Cemetery from the Town to the North Rupert Cemetery Association.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk

