

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MAY 28, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Rockwell, Linda Montague, Thomas Wilson, Philip E. Mazzucco and Deborah Baker.
OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald S. Lewis, Brett Lourie, Lt. Tom Mozzer, William Meyer, Arlene Bentley and Philip Chapman.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Andrea met with 1st Constable Kelli Raymond and sent out reminder letters to the owners of thirty unlicensed dogs. They were given two weeks to comply, and then Kelli will start to call on the delinquent parties.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Rupert's state school payment of about \$192,000.00 is in the orders tonight, along with \$633.00 which Bennington-Rutland School Union says the Town owes to the Mettawee School.
2. The Re-appraisal Fund has been closed and its balance has been placed in the General Fund Account.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Vermont State Police Lt. Tom Mozzer presented the Board with a written report of activity in Rupert from July 2018 to May 2019. He listened to concerns, mostly about speeding vehicles and answered questions, after which he assured us that the speed cart will be returning soon to a location on Route 153 in West Rupert. The Board received a renewal contract for patrolling services at six hours per month. They will discuss it at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paving on Route 315 will take place on Thursday May 30th, weather permitting. All the back roads have been graded once. Still waiting to obtain gravel. There will be slate work done with assistance from the Pawlet Road Crew on Watrous, Hebron and Kent Hollow Roads. We received a Better Back Roads grant to do improvements to Hebron Road.
2. Cemetery Trustee Don Lewis has discovered that the old portion of the Rupert Street Cemetery probably belongs to the Congregational Church. The Trustees will seek legal advice and ask for a quitclaim to the Rupert Street Cemetery Association, Inc. if that is correct.
3. To help Charlie with laying out the boundary lines for the two acre Town Green subdivision he needs to know the dimensions of the Town's proposed equipment shed. He and Don will mark out the area for the parking lot soon.
4. Tom said that the Town Office Renovation Committee should start meeting on a regular basis. Members will coordinate on dates and times.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Linda read aloud the letter she wrote asking Mr. and Mrs. Aldanondo to please have the Road Crew take down a large, decaying maple tree on their lawn near Route 153 and the power lines. Several Board members felt it was important to include a permission slip for the Aldanondos to sign/date, which exempts the Town from any liability for damage caused to their landscaping during the tree removal. The letter and permission notice will get sent out this week.
2. Charlie commented that the recent pay raises for the Road Crew were not in the budget, and it should be specific about where the increase will come from. He was assured that the pay raises would be covered through surplus money generated by the recent grants awarded to the Town for paving and other highway improvements. But this line item will be addressed in the next budget.
3. Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Debbie, seconded by Charlie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk