

UNAPPROVED
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Montague, Thomas Wilson, Deborah Baker, Charles Rockwell and Philip E. Mazzucco.
OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Nichols, John LaVecchia, Philip Chapman, Lucille Swinarton, Donald S. Lewis and Mark Lourie.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

No reports from Town Clerk and Treasurer Andrea Lenhardt, who is on a well deserved vacation this week.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Linda read her letter in response to Mr. and Mr. Aldanondo's written request that their large maple tree near Route 153 be only trimmed 15 to 20 feet instead of cut down. She emphasized that the Select Board strongly recommends the tree be taken down due to its largely decayed condition. Linda offered to meet with them to examine the tree together.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway report: Pawlet Road Crew helped us recently with slate work, and now we are assisting Pawlet with slate work on Herrick Brook Road. Chip sealing on Pawlet Mountain Road will begin on the second week of July.
2. Cemetery Commissioner Debbie Baker has available a cleaning solution for gravestones, and is seeking volunteers to help with cleaning. Dan Buck will be cutting down the trees that are atop the crypt at the Sheldon Memorial Cemetery and removing brush near the stonewall and road.
3. The Board of Civil Authority will be hearing two tax appeals in the near future.
4. With regard to the two acre land sale to Rupert Village Trust, Charlie reported that he knows where the septic is going to be located for Sheldon's Store and has a rough idea of the boundary lines for the parcel to be sold. He only needs now to have the Surveyor come and do a map of the two acres.
5. Mark gave more information about the grant the Town was awarded through the Champlain Valley Heritage Partnership to build the Wayside Exhibit at the Town Green. Linda said she has read the grant paperwork and the Subrecipeint Risk Assessment Form for Town of Rupert. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Debbie to approve the grant of \$4,000.00, with the Town paying twenty percent of the cost for the construction of the kiosk at the Town Green. Motion carried.
6. The Town Office Renovation Committee has not had a meeting yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request by Mandy Mayer to conduct a Children's Fun Run on the Town Green on Old Home Day. It was the consensus of the Board to approve having the event on August 10th.
2. Should Doug Armstrong continue to mow the grass at the Town Green, and get compensated for his work? It was the consensus of the Board for Doug to continue mowing, and pay him out of the Town Green Fund. Charlie said the mowing should be a line item in the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mark asked if there is any oil or stone left over from the Pawlet Mountain Road chip seal job, he would like the pot holes filled on Hebron Cross Road from Route 153 to his farmyard entrance. Tom will consider it, but felt that the repairs would not hold up with the traffic there made up of mostly heavy vehicles and equipment.
2. Lucille Swinarton asked about when work will be done on the sidewalks in Rupert. There is a bad place on the sidewalk near their home.
3. Mark noted that the grass should be cut between the Highway garage and the cemetery, and he will donate some mulch to put around the trees there. The picnic tables for the Town Green will be picked up by Mark on Friday.

Orders were signed by the Board

Motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Select Board Clerk

