

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting: January 21, 2019

Present: Rob DeValk, Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Earl Kathan, Glenn Elsesser, Scott Sanchas, Jennifer Bland, Helen Frink, Andrea Alderman, James Weldon, Conan Cook

Open meeting: 7:00PM, RD. **Approve minutes:** BOS meetings January 7, Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed.

Sign bill manifest: Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed. **Sign payroll manifest:** Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Input:

1. Andrea Alderman represented the Cold Pond Community Land Trust. She relayed the Trust had suffered embezzlement of over \$10,000 which was to pay property tax and other creditors. The Trust is within 4 monthly payments of bringing overdue taxes current and is requesting an abatement of interest accrued. RD asked whether the Trust could make a few more payments and cover the interest. AA noted the Trust has other creditors waiting for payment and that the monthly payments are a hardship for the Trust which strives to be beneficial to the Town. Motion FE/JJ to approve abatement of \$921.66, passed: FE, JJ in favor, RD opposed.
2. Conan Cook inquired about restrictions on plowing driveway snow into roads. It was noted this presents a problem to the Highway Department and suggested property owners be contacted.

Highway Department Report:

1. Work update/plan: EK noted winter maintenance and equipment repairs.
2. Forest Road bridge: HWD will monitor water collecting on bridge deck.
3. Charlestown Road line painting: Contractor noted line painted last fall was not permanent and will revisit this spring. RD suggested upgrading paint used.
4. Culvert Maintainer training: After discussion there was agreement to enroll 3 in training taking place in Acworth in April.
5. Public sand: There was discussion about abuse of public sand by contractors and non-residents. RD suggested some additional barriers.

Transfer Station Report:

1. Operations normal.

ConCom Report: January 9 meeting canceled.

PB Report: Next meeting January 28.

Action items:

1. Building permits: None.
2. Intents to Cut: Town Forest Timber Sale Agreement Extension: Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed.
3. Compliance: Relihan in progress.
4. Hazardous structure: Letter to owner reviewed. Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed.
5. Healthtrust probation period: Letter to change reviewed. Motion JJ/FE to sign, passed.
6. Roy Farm Easement: Letter to owner attorney requesting correspondence be addressed to Selectmen and not to Town Counsel directly was reviewed. Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed. Letter to Town Counsel requesting fees for defense of easement breach be forwarded to owner per easement was reviewed. Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed. Helen Frink asked where in the easement responsibility for fees was described and RD noted under Breach of Easement (p5). HF then read from June correspondence with the State conservation office that the Conservation Commission is responsible for grantee interest in the easement. RD noted much has transpired since June including the land owner engaging an attorney at which time defense of the easement was considered beyond the capacity of the Conservation Commission. RD noted a December letter from the State Attorney General office indicating the Town has handled the breach of easement appropriately. HF proposed putting the easement on the Commission agenda again and asked the Selectmen's intentions regarding the easement. RD noted that now that the property is open to the public again the Selectmen are not pursuing anything further regarding the easement.
7. Storage containers in Village District: Letter to owners reviewed. Motion JJ/FE to sign, passed.
8. Warrant: Drafts of Articles 4 and 9 reviewed. There was consensus to add to Article 9 that an affirmative vote could initiate a study of pay-to-throw. There was also consensus to update the Selectmen's budget to include premium holidays for Workman's Comp and Unemployment and cost for

Town pit permitting just revealed and to delete bridge repairs and offsetting capital reserve funding per DRA advice.

Other items:

1. Nonpublic: Motion FE/JJ to move to nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3IIb, passed: FE, JJ, RD 8:35PM.
Returned to public session 8:50PM
2. Next meeting February 4.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50PM; Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.