

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting: January 30, 2017

Present: Frank Emig, David Goodwin, Steven Holt, Ed Babneau

Public: Rob DeValk

Open Meeting: 7PM

Approve minutes: BOS meeting and nonpublic January 17, 2017, Motion SH/FE to approve, passed.

Sign bill manifest: Motion SH/FE to approve with addition, passed.

Sign payroll manifest: Motion SH/FE to approve, passed.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Input: None

Transfer Station Report: FE to arrange oil export.

Highway Department Report:

1. Work update/plan: EB noted winter maintenance and cost research for grader purchase. Also noted sand supply is low; SH indicated roads are well sanded; EB noted public safety and residents' requests. Also noted owners of Milliken Brook property will work with Town in spring to alleviate run off into right of way.
2. Allen Road Bridge: DOT August bridge inspection noted along with worsened condition and safety concerns. There was discussion as to funding noting \$100,000 was voted into the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund in 2016 from which Selectmen are agents to expend and that additional funds are included in the 2017 proposed budget and warrant. Motion FE/SH to sign a Notice to Proceed at the next BOS meeting on February 6 with a start date of February 13, passed.
3. Grader replacement: It was noted the Town invested \$15,000 in the grader in 2010 and that a recent estimate for a complete overhaul came to \$173,000. SH noted several items could be deducted from the overhaul estimate and the result would be a reliable machine which could be serviced in-house. He contrasted this with both new and used machines on which the computerization requires professional servicing. RD noted parts for the old grader may no longer be available or require special manufacture and argued the machine was no longer worth the investment under consideration. He noted good used machines require research and are available with service records and warranties. DG indicated he was not favorable to investing in the old grader. EB indicated the investment would be a gamble and FE agreed. There was interest in researching used machines.

ConCom Report: No meeting

PB Report: Meeting postponed

Action items:

1. Building permits: None
2. Intents: Balla Intent to Cut: Motion FE/SH to sign, passed.
3. Compliance: Tallman court date postponed to July. There was consensus to begin the clean-up when possible not waiting for July ownership decision.
4. Report of Locally Elected Auditor: Motion FE/SH to accept report, passed. RD noted distinction between locally elected and professional. It was noted the local option represents a considerable saving to the Town and is overseen by DRA.
5. Selectmens' Report for Annual Report: Consensus to accept.

Discussion: None

Other items:

1. Next meeting Monday, February 6.
2. Nonpublic: None

Meeting adjourned: 8:10PM; Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.