

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting: May 7, 2018

Present: Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Rob DeValk, Ed Babneau, Jeff Marsten, Fred Aldrich, Gary Baber, Dan Giuseppone **Open meeting:** 7:00PM, RD.

Approve minutes: BOS meeting and nonpublic April 30 and May 4, Motion JJ/FE 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. Jeff Marsten of Bazin Brothers asked why their low bid was not chosen for 2018 paving. RD noted that the Board was not bound to accept the low bid and that there were communication difficulties in 2017 between the Town and Bazin Brothers during work on Crane Brook. RD also noted that the Town has many projects in the future, that cost is always a concern and that the Town will continue to welcome bids from all contractors.
2. Fred Aldrich of Mitchell Sand and Gravel introduced himself as the contact person for the 2018 paving work on Crane Brook awarded to Mitchell after the competitive bidding process. There was discussion concerning anticipating width issues and the need for communication at each stage of the work. FA will order a contract for the Board to review and expected a start date in mid-July for a three week project.
3. Gary Baber reported AVFR continues to work to meet Fire Marshall's requirements and that certification remains in place. It was noted the 2017 contract with the Town has been extended and the April payment to the Company made according to the terms of that contract. GB will contact the Board with a date for a meeting between the Selectman and the Company's directors. RD noted the purpose would be to set ground rules for further study of the possibility of the Company becoming a Town department. GB noted there are positive and negative feelings for that possibility within the Company and that the Company plans to engage legal counsel for advice regarding its nonprofit corporate status.
4. Dan Giuseppone inquired whether the Town had been contacted about any changes in its appointed fire wardens; no notification of change has been received.

Highway Department Report:

1. Work update/plan: Ed Babneau noted recent repairs and storm clean up.
2. Paving: See above.
3. Charlestown Road: EB noted need of pavement patch due to blocked ditch run off near Roy Farm. Boring estimate from M&W reviewed. Motion FE/JJ to engage M&W, passed. EB noted 13 culverts will require replacement and is taking estimates. There was consensus to include the needed pavement patch. RD also requested cost information on line painting. EB continuing to research drain covers.
4. Beryl Mountain: EB reported DOT will provide a 1" overlay from the intersection with 123A to the bridge as part of the Bowers Brook bridge replacement scheduled to begin the week on July 4.
5. Road postings: Consensus to continue gravel road postings through May 13.
6. Uniforms: Motion FE/JJ to sign contract, passed.
7. Hazard trees: Gallagher Tree estimate reviewed. Motion JJ/FE to engage, passed.

Transfer Station Report: None

ConCom Report: Next meeting May 9

PB Report: Next meeting May 29. Note scenic road tree cutting application expected from Liberty Utility.

Action items:

1. Building permits: None
2. Intents: Sanville Intent to Cut: Motion JJ/FE to sign, passed.
3. Compliance: Tallman: Site visit May 8.
4. Assessing: Revisit Bantle and check alternate address.
5. Dog complaint, Nelson Road: Motion JJ/FE to sign owner letter, passed.
6. Solicitation: Motion FE/RD to create policy allowing solicitation such as campaigning at the Transfer Station across from the disposal bins, passed: FE, RD in favor; JJ opposed.

Other items:

1. School Board notification of need to defeat legislation requiring funding alternative schools.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35PM; Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.

