

MONTHLY SELECTBOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINTUES
MONDAY; April 20, 2015
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Town Officials: Cheryl L. Sargeant, Michele Brown and Sean Linskey, Selectboard; Mark Belisle, Town Constable; Cynthia Kilgore, Animal Control Officer and Kevin Bagley, Road Commissioner

Public: Vivian Branschofsky; Vivian Valtri Burgess; Norman Arseneault; Roger Stauss; Melvin Coddling and Jake Coddling.

Call to order at 6:00p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roadside Mowing Bid Opening: Received 1 bid from Big "C" Enterprises, Inc. of Ripton, VT in the amount of \$60.00/hour general mowing and \$70.00/hour boom/brush mowing. Sean made the motion to approve the award and Cheryl seconded. Michele recused herself. All in favor.

Assessor Bid Opening: Received 3 bids; Stephen G. Twombly, NEMRC and Vermont Municipal Assessor. After discussion it was decided that Cheryl would seek clarification from Stephen G. Twombly on his proposed rate. Michele made the motion to table this article until further clarification was received and to make a final determination via e-mail voting so that the Assessor can begin work and not be delayed and Sean seconded. All in favor.

Town Highways and Summer Budget: If the weather cooperates Harvey's need to get here and grade Town Line Road and North Hollow Road. It was also noted that the south end of Butz Road now needs attention. Norm has a meeting with the new District Engineer from the Agency of Natural Resources on Friday; April 24th to discuss the culvert at Landis' property for the FEMA Alternate Project.

It was noted that the Road Commissioner is having problems communicating with 1 of our contractors and it was determined that we would all sit to discuss the issues at a later meeting.

The Road Commissioner was instructed to get the Town's rock rake from a property owner's driveway. He was also instructed to research gravel prices around the area, the cost for sweeping the intersections and to make arrangements with ECS Excavating & Landscaping LLC to clean up the sand pile, open up the path around it and to clean up their trash.

FEMA Buy-Out in East Granville: The grant agreements have been received and Michele made the motion to allow Cheryl to sign them on behalf of the Town and Sean seconded. All in favor.

Granville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Contract Updates: Roger led the conversation about the proposed changes and how they were arrived at to clarify things in the previous agreement that were confusing and adding items to continue the transparency. After discussion Michele made the motion to table the article until such time as the Selectboard could talk with the Fire Chief and Sean seconded. Cheryl recused herself. All in favor.

Approve Selectmen's Orders and Financial Statements: Michele made the motion to accept the Orders as amended and Cheryl seconded. Sean made the motion to approve the Financial Statements as written and Michele seconded. All in favor.

Approve Selectmen's Meeting Minutes: After discussion it was determined that Cheryl would check into accepting the minutes via e-mail to meet the 5 day deadline for posting on the Town website per the new Freedom of Information Act passed in 2014.

Town's 2015 LEOP Update: After discussion and the indication that the only changes made were to update contact information, add new members and radio call signs Michele made the motion to accept the updated LEOP and Sean seconded. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contract with Homeward Bound for Pound Keeper: Cynthia asked that we consider using Dr. Leroy Hadden in Waitsfield as our pound keeper at a lesser rate and convenience to those having to reclaim their animals. Cynthia was instructed to request a written contract/letter of agreement from Dr. Hayden for our May meeting. Cheryl made the motion to table the article until the May meeting and removed the payment from the Selectmen's Orders and Michele seconded. All in favor.

Tree and Planter Box Removal: Mark mentioned that Kevin Benedict would proceed with removing and cleaning up the planter boxes behind the Town Clerk's Office along with the dying spruce tree by the back porch.

Ditching for the next 3 years: After discussion; it was agreed to write an advertisement to be reviewed and approved at our May meeting.

Culvert issues: Clean out of the outlets of culverts at Brown's Road and Post Office (Richard & Susan Lee's) need to be done to allow the water to flow.

Cheryl made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. and Michele seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant, Chair
Granville Selectboard