

May 8, 2017

In Attendance:

Bruce Hyde/Chair and Selectman Sean Linskey

Road Commissioner: Kevin Bagley

Conservation Commission: Jim Dague

Public: Barbara Straw, Marilyn and Sean Dougherty, Patti Bordonaro, Cheryl Sargeant, Fritz & Vivian Branschofsky and Dave Harvey of XCAV8

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

AMENDED (October 9, 2018)

1. Questions & Comments from Visitors /Community Members - Cheryl asked how the joint meeting with Hancock went. Bruce reported the selectmen had met with the Hancock Selectboard to discuss sharing plowing and sanding winter maintenance. Bruce is also talking to other towns and subcontractors to explore more ideas for the town's winter road maintenance. No plans to meet with Hancock again in the immediate future for a continued discussion was made. Jim Dague asked the board to look into having auditors complete a yearend balance report before the Selectmen set next year's tax rate.

(AMENDMENT) Cheryl Sargeant reported that the Cemetery Commission has a new road planned for Elmwood Cemetery to access the Elmwood Extension burial area.

(AMENDMENT) Shawn Doughrity and Marilyn Doughrity requested an update on the relocation of postal services and related potential impacts on access the cemetery, parking/traffic safety and the VT Route 100 scenic byway; and

(AMENDMENT) Bruce Hyde responded by directing Planning Commission member Marilyn Doughrity to go to the Planning Commission to change the Town Plan to address negative impacts on scenic beauty and listed impacts as rundown homes, garbage, junk cars and unmaintained yards as examples.

2. Decision of Public Hearing To Pent Genes Road, TH #24

(AMENDMENT) Patti Bordonaro and her mother property owner Barbara Straw expressing concerns about possible overflow parking from proposed Bagley Trail parking area.

(AMENDMENT) Patti Bordonaro requested that Bruce Hyde's comments be recorded in the meeting minutes-specifically, "If a problem occurs, the Town will address it".

Sean moved to allow the land owner on Genes Road close gates on Genes Road. Bruce seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.

3. Amend/Approve Agenda and Minutes

- **Make changes/approve May 8th agenda** - Appointment to the Planning Commission was added under the Planning Commission Report.
- **Approve minutes**-Sean moved to approve the minutes from April 10th and 18th. Motion was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.

4. Open Bids

- **Open bids for graveling Butz Road** - Six bids were submitted for the graveling of Butz Road. Bids ranged from \$12,510 to \$33,000. After a discussion, Sean moved to award the bid to Dave Harvey of XCAV8. Motion was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.
- **Open Bids for painting Town Hall** - No bids were received for painting the Town Hall. The board discussed re-advertising for bids and extending the deadline for submitting to the town.

5. Road and Other Reports

- **Hear Update from Conservation Commission representative Jim Dague** Purchase Orders for the Granville Commons Project were approved. Jim asked that the invoices that have been paid to date be submitted to Two Rivers for reimbursement.
- **Consider wetland permit for Bagley Camp Trail parking area** - Sean reported that an application for a wetland permit will need to be applied for the trail head parking area on Genes Road. Mike Eramo has volunteered to truck in fill from the Butz Road ditching waste to fill about 170 square feet parking area. Gravel could be added at a later date if decided on. The application fee is \$600. Sean moved to allow Norm Arseneault to draft and submit a permit application, which was seconded. All were in favor with none opposed. Bruce was designated as the signer of the application so that the application may be submitted before the next regular Selectboard meeting on June 12th.
- **Approve draft letter to USFS for a Special Use Permit (Western Slope Trail)** - Norm submitted a draft letter addressed to Chris Mattrick, District Manager of the Rochester Ranger District, notifying him that the town is applying for a Special Use Permit. A map showing the location of the of the proposed GMNF Special Use Segment was included with the draft notice. Sean made a motion to allow Bruce to sign the letter, Bruce seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.

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- **Hear report from Planning Commission-** Bruce reported that the Planning Commission Chair, Judy Wood their boards decision not to add to the Town Plan designated areas for renewable energy. Planning Commission member Cheryl Sargeant made the recommendation to appoint Marylyn Dougherty to the Planning Commission. Sean made a motion to appoint Marylyn to the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.
- **Consider request from 100 to 100 Road Race** - Sean moved to approve the request which was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.
- **Road Commissioner's Report** - There was a discussion over winter maintenance specification, winter plowing and sanding contract and a proposal to appoint a committee to review them. The members of this committee will be Bruce Hyde, Kevin Bagley, Cheryl Sargeant and Sean and Marylyn Dougherty. The committee planned to meet on Friday May 12 at 10:00 am in the Town Clerk Office.
- **Constable's Report-** No report was given.

6. Old Business

- **Approve Selectmen's Orders** - Approved
- **Financial Reports** – Financial Reports were submitted by the Treasurer
- **Approve loan in anticipation of FEMA funds for Alternate Project Butz Road-** The Treasurer submitted loan documents to fund Alternate Project Butz Road in anticipation of FEMA funds. Sean made a motion to approve the loan which was seconded. All were in favor with none opposed.
- **Report on Earthen Vessels Property Tax-**a copy of a letter from Assessor Steve Twombly was reviewed. The letter was addressed to earthen Vessels in which he declined their request for a property tax exemption, citing reasons that their organization did not meet the State's statutes. Earthen Vessels will have the option to grieve his decision when hearings are held in mid-June.
- **Final approval of Mowing Contract** – A three year contract with Steve Twitchell Lawn Care for mowing Town property was signed.

7. New Business

- **Damage to Chris Jones property from plow truck accident-**Bruce reported that truck owner was working with the land owner. No action needed from the town.

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8. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

- Discuss letter from GVFD, Inc.
- Painting of Town Hall
- Winter Road Maintenance
- Outside Audit Contract

9. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kathy Werner
Town Clerk/Treasurer