

Selectboard Meeting Minutes (Draft)
8.02.2016

Present:

Mike Button, Chair, Ruben Hook, Joan Goodrich, Mike Kuban, Karen Lathrop
Tracy Crocker, Charlie Crocker, Michele Thomas, Peter Amber

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Additions & Deletions

- Project Advisory Committee Representative
- Access Permit- Scadin Road

2. Approve Minutes -7/26/2016

Tabled

3. Highway Department

a. Salt Shed – Town Administrator reported the quote from Adam Osgood for \$27,900.00 to construct a salt shed was still good, and Mr. Osgood would be able to start construction in September. Mike Kuban moved to approve the proposal from Adam Osgood in the amount of \$27,900.00 to construct a 16 x 28 foot salt shed. Ruben Hook seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

b. Access Permit- Fish and Game - Board discussion on concerns about site distance exiting the access point and it being an access point for the Fire Department only. It was reported Rick Ackerman had told the contractor the trees and brush had to be cut to increase site distances. Board discussed conditions for the access permit. Joan Goodrich moved to approve the access permit with the stipulation there be a gate or chain across the access site and the brush and trees be cleared in both directions for better site distance. Michael Kuban seconded the motion. All were in favor so moved. Administrator to send a letter with a two week timeline to the Fish & Game.

c. Charlie Crocker-Scadin Road Access Permit - The Board reviewed the application. Board's concern was with site distance but Mr. Crocker assured the Board he had walked it with Gary Thasher and there would be no problems. The Road has not been used and he is the only owner on it. Mr. Crocker would like to block the original entrance but the Board stated he could not until the Town threw up the road. The Board discussed footage from the connector to centerline of Scadin Road with Mr. Crocker. Board asked what the Road frontage was. Mr. Crocker stated he had it at home and would provide it to the Board. He thought it was 350 feet. Board was concerned with site distance where it connects on 113 but notes they do not have any jurisdiction over that intersection. Mr. Crocker shared some history of the road with the Board. The Board asked if Rick Ackerman had looked at it. Mr. Crocker reported Rick Ackerman stated he did not need to see it, he knew the connector would have more site distance. Town Admin reported she had not heard anything from him. Michael Button said he would like the Board to stay with the procedures in place with Rick Ackerman signing off on the permit. Michael Kuban moved to approve the access permit for the connector road to Scadin Road with Joan Goodrich seconding the motion. All were in favor so moved. Town Admin to have Rick Ackerman sign off on permit and send to Mr. Crocker.

4. Water/Wastewater Department

a. Liquid Engineering Contract – Board reviewed the contract for the second time. Town Admin reported the company would bill as the work was done every five years. Joan Goodrich moved to

approve the contract with Liquid Engineering Inc. for 2021, 2026 and 2031 at \$3,095.00 per maintenance to be paid as maintenance is completed. Michael Kuban seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

b. Draft Permit Requirements Update – Town Admin reported to the Board she had heard back from the State and the Town does not have to have an engineering firm design the Nitrogen Optimization plan per se. Town Admin reported meeting with the Chief Operator, Nolan LaFrancis and he would be speaking with Wayne Graham from Vermont Rural Waster Association and see if they could be of help. The Board looks forward to hearing from Nolan at a future meeting. Tabled.

5. Roberts-Gould Athletic Field

a. Outdoor Classroom – Tracy Crocker- Kindergarden Teacher at the school will be piloting a program to get classes outside, once a week except in bad weather. She would like to use the hillside behind the ball field. As part of the program there has been a site assessment and areas that are questionable will be flagged so students know they may not be accessed. The site will be used once a week and would also have a camp fire for colder weather. She has spoken with the Fire Warden, John Upham on the subject and he is fine with it. Joan G. said school has always had the use of the field, so no permission is necessary to use it.

b. Tree Damage- Peter Amber reported John Hartland had done an independent assessment of the tree and the hazards could be taken off for \$2,200.00. Peter would chip it for free. Then an evaluation could be done as Peter Amber had spoken about with the Board at their previous meeting. Board discussed the overall health, structural integrity and age of the trees. The Board reviewed Mr. Knox's quote to take the trees down. The Board reviewed pictures of the trees. Board has mixed views on what should be done but they are all concerned for the safety of the public. Joan Goodrich moved to accept Mr. Knox's quote of \$10,000.00 - \$12,000.00 for the removal of the two trees on the Roberts-Gould Athletic Field. Ruben Hook seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote, there were three ayes and one nay. Majority ruled and the motion carried.

6. Town Admin Report

a. Moxley Bridge Update- Town Admin reported to the Board she has met with Julie Follensbee, State Wetland Specialist and Tim McCormick, to view the Moxley Bridge Project. The Town will have to apply for a Wetlands Permit, which will require having the wetlands at the bridge delineated by an engineering consultant. The Board requested to see the Bridge Report at the next meeting. The Board feels the permitting process is becoming too onerous and they will re-assess the project at the next meeting. Tabled to next meeting.

b. CVSWMD – Project Advisory Board. CVSWMD is organizing a Project Advisory Board and has requested member towns to send a Selectboard member or authorized person to attend meetings. The first meeting is August 30, 2016. The Board noted it conflicts with a regular meeting time. Board discussed asking Mark Lembke but Mike Kuban reported the letter would prefer a person from the Selectboard. Joan G. reported she would know by the 15th of the month whether she could do this and if so she could attend. Town Admin to contact CVSWMD.

7. Approve Orders – Joan G. reported she had spoken with Dubois and King about the invoice the Town had not received and they had waived the interest to date. She reported she spoke with them about charges for a window and stair well they were not supposed to be charged for and was waiting to hear from them. She will follow up with them. Michael Kuban moved to approve orders except the new town garage order number 23 for Dubois & King. Ruben Hook seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

8. Adjourn – Mike Kuban moved to adjourn. Ruben Hook seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved. Adjourned meeting at 7:55 PM.