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SELECTBOARD MINUTES JUNE 19, 2024

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Present: Rock Webster (Chair), Richard Lancaster (Vice Chair), Bob Edmunds
Also Present: Bob Cushman (Road Forman), Pete Stoddard

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Review Agenda, the following items were added to the agenda under Town & Highway Operations:

Broad Brook Culvert work

Lime Pond & Lakota FEMA. Projects

3. Public comments

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve all Minutes of June 5, 2024

The Masterson Road and the Cootey Farm Road Discontinuance Hearing Minutes, and the regular Selectman's Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2024 were approved.

5. Old Business

A. Action to be taken regarding Grove Road

The Selectmen and the Road Forman discussed with Pete Stoddard the problem of plowing at the end of the Grove Road. The smaller truck will be used to avoid damaging the private property abutting the Grove Road ROW.

B. Staffing of the Transfer Station

The Selectboard felt that Wess Henig, as the primary Transfer Station employee, is responsible for managing the scheduling of alternate workers when he cannot be in attendance. In addition, the Selectboard needs to know at least a week in advance if there are scheduling issues. Richard Lancaster will talk to Wess about this issue.

C. Appraisal of the Gretchen Wilson Parcel 06-0534

As the Selectboard is responsible for hiring an appraiser, Richard Lancaster will contact the three nearest appraisers for quotes and was authorized to select an appraiser to appraise the Wilson residence.

D. Recording the Cootey Farm Road and Masterson Road Plats

As the surveys were requested by the Selectman and referred to in the hearings, the plats should be on file at the Town Hall. Ethan Gilmore has been contacted to print and deliver the plats.

E. Filling the positions held by Rob Ramrath

The Selectboard authorized Richard Lancaster to advertise for the positions of Zoning Administrator and Town Administrator. Kyle Katz of TRORC was appointed as interim Zoning Administrator until a replacement is found.

F. Broad Brook Culvert work

Bob Cushman will contact Roylton regarding the placement of the signage that needs to be in place during the culvert replacement. The contractor K F Excavating will be starting construction on or about June 26, 2024.

G. Lime Pond & Lakota FEMA. Projects

Jon Harrington requested that he be added to the July 3, 2024, Selectman`s meeting agenda. Richard Lancaster will contact Will Davis of Horizon engineering to discuss the next steps in choosing an option for the Lime Pond Road culvert replacement.

6. Nathan Hawley CPA, Barnard Audit Engagement Letter

The Audit Engagement Letter was signed.

7. Implementation of S. 55 Public Meeting Law

Richard Lancaster will contact WWC for advice on how to set up the public meetings to comply with the revised Public Meeting Law.

8. County Sherrif Service Contract

The Windsor County Sherrif Service Contract was signed.

9. Town & Highway Operations

A. Review damage to the Justin Brodrick driveway

Bob Cushman will contact Justin Brodrick with the cost of a new culvert to replace the existing undersized culvert under the Brodrick driveway. If the culvert is purchased by Mr. Brodrick, the Town Road Crew will replace the existing culvert at the same location.

B. Procure tablet for the Road Crew – Discuss

Richard Lancaster and Bob Cushman will gather the necessary information to determine the best choice of tablet to be used by the road crew. The issue will be revisited at a later Selectboard meeting.

C. The Selectboard approved the following invoices for payment:

Harrington, Lakota Bridge and Lime Pond Road bank slide;
Horizons Engineering, Lime Pond Road culvert;
Berquist Consulting, FEMA response;
Ethan Gilmore Survey Associates, Cootey Farm Road surveying;
Jim Barlow, legal services;
Windsor County, Side Judge salary tax bill;
WWCS, computer power issue;
Casella Waste, waste disposal;
NEMC, monthly payment;
Roylton Transfer Station, propane tank disposal;
Music Mountain Compost, waste disposal;
Windsor County Sheriff, monthly installment.

10. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders

The Town & Highway Orders were approved

11. The Selectman entered Executive Session to decide employee wage issues. Executive Session opened at 8:37.

The Selectboard exited executive session at 8:45. The wage changes for the Road Crew were forwarded to the Treasurer and the Selectboard set the hourly wage for the interim Town administrator at \$30.00/hour.

12. Other Business

The selectboard responded to a request for information that was made by the Town Clerk. Richard Lancaster will contact the State Department of Motor Vehicles concerning the Town's contact information with respect to weight restriction filings.

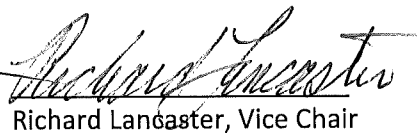
13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes prepared by Richard Lancaster, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is July 3, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices.

Selectboard:


Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair


Robert Edmunds