

Selectboard Regular Meeting • August 8, 2019
Approved Minutes

Selectboard Present: H. Childress; C. Fenton; C. Haynes; P. Kenyon; T. Redfield
Town Officers Present:
Public Present: None
Called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Got a little rain, finally!

Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 25; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Highway: Bill has been communicating with VTEL about fiber optic location for the Haley Road. That's the last of the FEMA projects to be completed from the April rain event. They'll be meeting at the site on Monday morning.

Bill's been working on the culvert inventory, and will be meeting with Steffanie from RRPC for reimbursement.

JCB is replacing the hydraulic tank on the backhoe tomorrow. They have a new mechanic assigned to us, who seems to be well prepared.

We don't have a firm date for the West Street paving, but Bill has completed all of the pre-pave ditching work necessary for them to get underway.

The Davenports have filed a work in the right-of-way permit for Spruce Knob, for a new driveway. Bill is hoping to rebuild the Spruce Knob hill that fails every year, between 119 and 189 Spruce Knob.

The recent road equipment grant will reimburse us up to \$4400 for a debris blower. Bill has identified a Buffalo Turbine tow-behind KB4 debris blower that costs \$7600.

The West Rutland ATV club has worked with a professional excavator to complete road repairs on the far Class 4 section of North Street. The Selectboard appreciates their work on behalf of the Town.

Town Lands: The building committee's consultant has finished their interviews related to the town office/library, and will have the finished study in two weeks.

The West Street project has received a preliminary review from the Regional Floodplain Manager. The report will be ready for formal review by the community, the ANR, VTRANS, and other interested parties by early September.

Correspondence:

- Registration for International highway truck
- Thank you for ARC's Town contribution
- Announcement of VLCT annual business meeting, October 2, 1:00 pm, Killington
- Returned check, transfer station, Nathaniel and Heidi Bagley (closed account)
- Fleet insurance certification for Champlain Valley Plumbing & Heating

Board Orders: H. Childress moved to approve the board orders as presented; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Other Business: The Board discussed the possibility of moving forward with a bonding vote for town facilities for the fall of 2019. The vote would not obligate any of the projects to move forward immediately, but would only allow the Board to pursue funding once a project is ready to construct.

At present, the Poultney Rescue Squad still has Middletown's First Response vehicle and volunteers under their insurance, so no change needs to happen at the moment. There is a broader crisis in EMS/EMT/paramedic availability in the region, with many calls going well down the line of dispatch before response.

Executive Session: H. Childress moved to enter executive session; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session begun 8:28 p.m. C. Haynes moved to exit executive session; H. Childress 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Regular session rejoined at 9:01 p.m. C. Haynes moved that we continue Robert Parker's current part-time work status at 20 hours per week; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; C. Haynes 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk