

Select Board Meeting
April 5, 2021
Minutes

Chairman Todd Goings convened the meeting at 6:00 PM at the Town hall following a brief walk thru at the Top of Beech Hill Rd.

Present: Chairman Goings, Select Board members John Kinney and Michelle Dudek, Bookkeeper Elita Reed, Road Agent Jon Champagne, Jeff Dickerson.

Michelle Dudek spoke to the camera about the meeting on Beech for the purpose of transparency. Arch Weathers, Dean Barker, Chris Caron were all present to discuss the condition of Beach Hill's Class VI Road. Chris agreed to supply 10 loads of loam, seed and will back drag downhill to where he started logging. Arch & Dean agreed to do the work spreading the loam and seeding, with hopes of it being completed by end of May depending on the weather. When it is done the road will be closed for a few weeks to let the grass mature.

Select Board discuss the minutes of December 21, 2020 and want to double check that the Rock Crushing was encumbered with the amount of \$30,000.

Road Agent's Report-Jon Champagne

The Highway Department is now on spring cleanup, and we are official out of mud season. They are starting to grade the roads and cleaning up the cemeteries.

Jon presented a quote for cleaning up Proctor & Old Center Cemetery by Easy Wind Property Maintenance in the amount of \$2000.00.

The Select Board voted to accept the proposal. Two voted yes and one No.

Jon presented a quote for paving on North Rd from R&D paving. Proctor agreed to pay part of the cost if the work could be done before July 1, 2021. Proctor needs the cost to come from the current years budget. The Town would be responsible for \$26,000. Proctor will be replacing the culvert and drainpipe under the road.

Jon spoke about the following items:

- 1) receiving the new forks for the new backhoe
- 2) Needing to get in touch with Nortrax to establish the lease agreement for the backhoe.
- 3) Getting the paperwork for the Dump Truck lease started.
- 4) Meet with Bartlett Tree a tree company to take down our troubled trees around town.
- 5) Will be getting a quote on the Bath House at Highland Lake for electric, plumbing, carpenter.
- 6) Discussed the Lakeview Cemetery needs for a point/water being put in.

Jeff Dickerson had questions about the Solar power we have for the Town Office building. Jeff mentioned that he has some experience with the fine details and is wondering what the warranty is on the inverters and the cost of the upkeep. Selectmen John Kinney explained his understanding of the future for the solar. Jeff said the panels degrade about 1/3rd percent each year. John Kinney mentioned to Jeff that the Town voted at town meeting for the solar project back in 2016 and the Town went with the company that offered the tax incentive at that time.

The Board and Jeff agreed the Town should have another conversation later this summer to review the fine print and have a technical evaluation & assessment to see what the plan should be going forward for maintenance on the solar system.

The Board talked about re-opening the Town Building due to the overwhelming complaints received by the public. They talked with Police Chief Mahoney and Chief believes we should be addressing the security within the building. He suggested that we get a system close to what they have at the Police station with an intercom, buzzer, and television's for viewing in each office. He mentioned a few local companies to call for quotes.

The Select Board nominated Todd Goings to be the Select Board Chair for 2021.

John Kinney announced he is stepping down from the EMS Director position and he has nominated Andrew Perkins to be the new Director. The Board approved Andrew Perkins to the appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Elita Reed
Bookkeeper