

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APPROVED MINUTES

December 5, 2016

Meeting convened at 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Marj Roy, Vicky Mishcon, Jim Delaney, Dave Blinn

Also present were: Chief Laramie, Dan Labonte, Karin Forsberg

ROAD AGENT:

- Currently, the road crew is battling the snow storm
- Gale Road Bridge – the Selectboard wants get this bridge repair underway. Thompson explained that the bridge itself needs to be “housed.” Thompson would like to meet with the State first to find out what the State will accept or not accept for repairing this bridge. Once Thompson has the specs, then the Board can determine whether this is an in-house project or a project that needs to be put out to bid. Roy will call the Department of Transportation (DOT) tomorrow.
- Thompson will write up a list of upcoming special projects for the Board for next year’s budget.

LENNY CARON: Bridge Road Properties. Mr. Caron was a no show for the time of the scheduled meeting.

KARIN FORSBERG: During the sale of Forsberg’s 12-acre piece of property across from her home on Route 11, she found out that the Right of Way (ROW), which is now under her fenced in area, had not been discontinued when Route 11’s path was changed in 2007-2009. To correct this, a warrant article needs to go before Town Meeting for the town to formally discontinue the ROW. Moyer will research Town Meeting records to assess if a warrant article had ever been put in front of Town Meeting. If it has not, then Roy will work on a warrant article for Town Meeting 2017.

DAN LABONTE:

Labonte expressed his concern that his tax bill it inaccurate. Labonte stated that the Town is wrong and he is being fraudulently charged for the following reasons:

- The acreage (Labonte is taxed on 38 acres; he states he has only 24.5 acres)
- The value of his land
- The camper (Labonte stated that he should not be taxed because its registered like a vehicle and therefore already taxed; and it’s a moveable piece. The camper has no electric, no septic, and no temporary electric power.)

Labonte stated that he does not have an issue with the $\frac{3}{4}$ acre taken out of current use.

Labonte will get a new updated Mylar from his surveyor, Krause in Northfield, showing the correct acreage of 24.5 acres tomorrow. Labonte stated he believes this has already been filed at the County.

BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES

- The Board reviewed the potential warrant articles to be presented at Town Meeting 2017.
- The Board agreed that an additional \$65,000 should be included in the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of removing the Gale Road Bridge. Initially, \$50, 000 was proposed prior to receiving an estimated cost of \$65,000 for the Gale Road Bridge, making the total of this line now \$115,000.

NEW COPIER LEASE:

Roy presented the Board with the one year lease agreement to be signed for the new Town Office copier. Delaney made a motion to allow Mishcon, as the Chair, to sign the one year lease agreement for the Town Office copier. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Mishcon signed the one year lease agreement.

ACCOUNTING AGREEMENT:

Roy presented the Board with a contract to be signed for Stonehill Municipal Solutions, the accounting firm who assists quarterly with the Town's bookkeeping needs. Delaney made the motion to allow Mishcon, as the Chair, to sign the contract. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Mishcon signed the contract.

ADJOURNMENT:

Delaney made the motion to adjourn. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Prepared by Patricia Moyer, Secretary of the Select Board