SELECTBOARD MEETING February 11, 2021 Minutes

Present:

Julia Andrews

Bill Cleary Allison Hope Callie Hamdy John Roberts

Greg Barrows

Nanette Rogers

Guests:

Dave Lavallee Lee McClenny Buddy Meilleur (LCATV)

James Hazen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom. All attendees attended remotely.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Added February 8th Minutes. Under discussion took off 911 address change payment request, added request for trail permit, and added CCRPC Road Speed Study.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Allison Hope made a motion to approve the January 28, 2021 minutes as amended, seconded by Bill Cleary. Motion passed: 3-0.

Bill Cleary made a motion to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Allison Hope. Motion passed: 3-0.

ROAD SCHEDULE

John Roberts, Road Foreman, presented the Road Schedule from January 29, 2021 -February 11, 2021. Allison Hope made a motion to approve the Road Schedule, seconded by Bill Cleary. Motion passed: 3-0.

REQUEST FOR TRAIL PERMIT FOR GOODRICH TRAIL

Jamie and Amy Hazen submitted a request for a permit to use motor vehicles on the Goodrich Trail. Jamie was present and explained that they are buying property in Westford near the Underhill town line. They are hoping to build a single-family home on the property. Jamie is aware that the Goodrich Trail runs through the property and looks forward to maintaining the land and trail for use by residents. They are requesting a permit so they can use the trail to access the land with an excavator to dig for test pits. The access would come from Repa Road. Jamie would prefer to do the test pits while the ground is frozen to lessen impact on the trail. Depending on what the test pit results are, they may be asking for permission to upgrade a portion of the trail to be used as a driveway. As a side note, Jamie expressed concern regarding evidence of recent ATV activity on the trail. He assumes a gate, or some other barrier, would not be a deterrent to the vehicles.

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Allison reminded everyone that other property owners have permits to operate vehicles on the trail to access their property therefore the use may be a legal activity. However, if someone is driving on the trail just for fun, that would not be a legal use.

Bill Cleary made a motion to approve the issuance of a permit to use of a motor vehicle on the Goodrich Trail, seconded by Allison Hope. Motion passed: 3-0.

FOLLOW UP ON MAPLE SHADE FOREST SIGNAGE REGARDING DOGS

Allison provided an update on a conversation she had with Kristin on Monday about what had occurred. The Conservation Commission are putting up temporary signage near the gap in the wall near the Baczewski property and are awaiting the permanent signs that are being made. Allison has been walking the trails nearby frequently and has seen no indication that dogs have gone on the Baczewski's property so that's a big positive. Allison will put a note on Front Porch Forum to remind folks about the Dog Ordinance.

CCRPC ROAD SPEED STUDY

Julia had been in contact with Charles Baker at the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) regarding the update to the Speed Study, which has been received. Julia wants to put this on the agenda for next meeting to give Board members time to read the study thoroughly. Nanette suggested sending the study to the In-Motion Task Force Committee.

COMMUNICATION

Allison will post on Front Porch Forum regarding the Dog Ordinance.

Bill recalled an email going around about Heli Pads and Air Strips regarding Zoning. He felt it was more a planning issue.

Rover's North requested a larger dumpster. Nanette looked at the contract and they have a 6 yard dumpster for trash and an 8 yard for recycling. Nanette will contact Myers to find out what larger sizes are available. Greg thinks they make a 15.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL WARRANTS

Greg Barrows, Town Treasurer, went over the Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Andrews, Chair Selectboard

Callie Hamdy Assistant Town Clerk

TOWN OF WESTFORD HIGHWAY DEPT. ROAD SCHEDULE Jan. 29, 2021 – Feb. 11, 2021

Work to be done

- Plow, sand, and salt when needed.
- Pick up the new one ton from Iroquois.

Work completed

- Plowed, sanded, and salted roads several times.
- Worked on the trucks.
- Put a new bed chain and drive gearbox in the 2014' Western star.
- Repairs to the grader.

Approved at the _______ Selectboard Meeting.