

AGENDA FOR SELECTBOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Via Zoom

Meeting ID 338 889 0421

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5:00 p.m.

Attendees

Select Board: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Michael Jordan (Mike J.), Jared Cadwell (Jared)

Town Clerk/Assistant:

Minutes Taker: Betsy Carter (Betsy)

Guests: MRVTV, Mark & Kristen Gibson, Anthony Colicchio, Michael Schafer (Mike), Cindy Carr, JB Weir, Jean Towns

1. **Meeting called to order at 5:00.**
2. **Approve Select Board Minutes of March 9, 2021.**
 - a. *Motion to approve minutes by Chuck, seconded by Mike. Motion approved.*
3. **Designate Newspaper of Record**
 - a. Historic use of the Valley Reporter
 - b. *Motion made to use the Valley Reporter as the newspaper of record by Chuck, seconded by Jared. All in favor, Motion approved.*
4. **Abby Dreyer Road Name Request**
 - a. Abby proposed three names to SB for the driveway to her tiny house development.
 - b. Abby Road, Abby Lane, Abby Avenue.
 - c. *Motion to accept Abby's first recommendation of Abby Road made by Chuck, seconded by Mike J.*
5. **Tax Sale Discussion**
 - a. Authorization for Delinquent Tax Collector to collect delinquent taxes and engage attorneys and all necessary support.
 - b. *Motion to authorize Patti Lewis, as Delinquent Tax Collector, to begin the tax sale process made by Chuck, seconded by Mike J. All in favor, motion approved.*
6. **Fire Truck Repair Update**
 - a. Jared met with Waitsfield/Fayston fire department to understand the nature of repair; significant to tanker engine. Had a different SOP been followed, damage would not have been as great. Tanker operator had 40+ years' experience.
 - b. Town repair cost coverage uncertain at this point as Clark's Repair Service is also a fire chief (of a different town) and is discussing coverage with International (tanker engine manufacturer).
 - c. Additional repairs completed that will extend the life of the tanker.
 - d. Mike requests final numbers in order to complete forward projections within the budget.
7. **Access Permit Colicchio**
 - a. Access permit application filed in December. The Road Foreman (Stuart Hallstrom) has reviewed the access permit and site distances are good. Issue is that there is a town culvert where the cut is proposed. Stuart will work with contractor for the owner to work through the best cut and water mitigation plan with the culvert.
 - b. Anthony: Curb cut needed for shared driveway to residences to be constructed. Town culvert, 15", diverts water into the properties and created a ravine. Pictures shared show that the culvert needs to be cleaned out and potentially replaced within the next 2 years. Jared: So, you spoke with Stuart today and he indicated the culvert will be replaced? Anthony: Yes, but not relocated. It's just below the property line and located where it is because the ravine further down cannot handle the discharge.

- c. Jared: the Gibsons are an interested party. Can you explain where your property is? Mark: It's on the property line between Anthony's and our property. There is no drainage along our side parallel to the road and flows into our property. It seems simplest to have the water directed down the other side of Kew Vasseur Road in the existing ditch. Kristen: The water should be directed into the brook (Kew Brook) rather than into our property. There's no mention of the existing culvert from our surveys and wastewater permits from 2006. Jared: How long have you owned the property? Kristen: we bought in December 2020. The culvert would run directly under the right of way under the proposed shared driveway.
- d. Jared: Without actually being there to see what is being described, it's hard to make a decision on the curb cut and need to catch up. We need to visit the site with the road foreman and Anthony. I recommend we postpone decision until we all can visit the site. Chuck: Anthony is there anyone that can represent you, so you don't have to travel from Maryland to Vermont? Anthony: Yes, I'm working with Gunner. Kristen: We're also contracting with Gunner as well.
- e. Jared: If parties are aligned, Anthony will reach out to Gunner and Gunner will reach out to the Select Board to coordinate the site visit.

8. 5:30 p.m. – Cindy Carr re: Slide Brook Road

- a. Mike Schafer has a lot under contract and we (Cindy & Mike) would like to understand if the SB would agree to 12' traveled width with ditching. Both culverts appear to need replacing. The culverts do overflow and a 5' diameter culvert is recommended by Jaron Born from the State of Vt. Paul Hartshorn (fire department) has said they are ok with the 12' traveled width with proper turn arounds.
- b. Mike: My son and I are interested in purchasing this land with the 3 building lots and building a home. Our goal is to keep the road simple, functional, and safe, but also keep it environmentally friendly with the wildlife habitat. We'd like to keep it as low impact as possible with appropriate ditching, culverts, and accessibility. We're looking for guidance and alignment.
- c. Jared: For the record, you have read the Slide Brook permitting document for public work in the right of way dated April 12, 2010. Mike: Yes, I've read it many times. Jared: I think it's critical that emergency services representatives meet with Jim Dupree to understand the most effective roadway for that area. My concern is that with the potential build out that emergency services can access that area safely.
- d. Mike J: We've had some washout events that required the road foreman to go up and excavate. Cindy: Jim Dupree's report shows the types of culverts recommended.
- e. Jared: Mike & Chuck, the permit that was issued April 12, 2010 states that the road bed be expanded to no more than 16'. Should we make changes to the existing permit based on the site visit on Saturday? It seems to me that we should update with whatever is finalized with the proposed buyer, Mike Schafer. Chuck: That makes sense rather than have two separate documents and trying to link them together.
- f. Cindy: Once you expand the road to 16', then ditching, you're at 20' and may interfere with the Sugarbush trails in the area. Mike: yes, if we have to widen the road and remove more trees, it seems more disruptive. With pull outs it seems easy enough and sounds like that's what the select board is leaning toward as well.
- g. Meeting scheduled on Saturday with the prospective buyer, Kingsbury, and (someone else)
- h. Jared: JB are you aligned with this plan? JB: Yes, I've been talking to Cindy and I do have a report stating that the 12' wide road is adequate with sufficient pull-offs.

9. Road Foreman Update

- a. No updates from Stuart but need to finalize coverage on new WesternStar truck and the new pickup truck.

10. Excess Weight Permit(s)

- a. Camp Precast Concrete Products
- b. AmeriGas

- c. Birdseye Building Company
- d. McCullough Crushing
- e. All have been reviewed and authorized; Jared will sign.

11. Liquor License Permit(s)

- a. Hyde Away
- b. Mad River Barn
- c. Both have been reviewed and are authorized.

12. Read Mail and Sign Warrant

- a. Warrant: reviewed and no questions.
- b. *Motion to approve warrant as presented by Jared, seconded by Mike J; all in favor, warrant approved.*

13. Other Business

- a. Covid legislation and disbursement of funds from legislature. Jared explained that it will be some time before we understand if the Town of Fayston is eligible. Much of the money is typically directed to municipal wastewater or broadband projects. Mike J.: Because the state didn't fund any of the large culvert work, this may be something for the culvert on German Flats. Jared: Yes, but the big infrastructure proposal may address that, but Mike does have a point that the current approved funding may fit a project like that. Mike J: VTrans is just trying to get projects going. They still have funding available from the original Cares Act. Jared: There is COVID relief money for revenues that were lost as a result of the slowdown such as permitting or licensing fees. Mike J.: There is lost revenue from rental of the hall. Jared: the window of opportunity is end of CY 2024 or FY 2024 (to be clarified). The league is prepared and designated by the legislature as a resource center for towns and cities around the state to ask questions around how to use the funds. There's still a lot to be ironed out.
- b. Efficiency Vermont as designated the MRV towns as a target community for energy credits. For homeowners this may have some benefit. The Town of Fayston is eligible for up to \$4k of energy efficient upgrades (lighting, insulation). Brad Long, the project manager, is happy to review the particulars in one of the next meetings.
- c. Alliance to discuss the hazardous waste pickups.

14. *Motion to Adjourn 6:04pm. Chuck moved, Mike J. seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Carter

Approved: Jared Cadwell