

MINUTES FOR SELECTBOARD MEETING

February 22, 2022

Select Board Attendees: Jared Cadwell (Jared), Chuck Martel (Chuck),

Town Clerk/SB Assistant: Patti Lewis

Road Foreman: Stuart Hallstrom

Minutes Taker: Betsy Carter

Guests: Tony Italiano (MRVTV), Tony Stoudt, Corrie Miller, Steve Lindsay , Lisa Lindsay

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.

2. Approve Selectboard Minutes of January 25, 2022

- a. *Motion to approve Selectboard meeting minutes from February 8, 2022 by Chuck, seconded by Jared. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.*

3. Town of Fayston Mask Rule

- a. Mask rule has been in effect since December and renewed on January 25. Current rule lapses on February 26.
- b. Chuck: Is it possible to discontinue as of this date based on the vote, or does it have to run out? Jared: I believe it has to run out.
- c. *Chuck: I make the motion to let the mask mandate expire on February 26 and not renew it; also, we drop the requirement for masking at Town Selectboard meetings immediately. Jared: We have received feedback from many local businesses that are in favor of letting the mask rule expire on February 26. I second that motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.*

4. Lockwood Brook Culvert Project

- a. Tony Stoudt from Watershed Consulting Design Associates and Corrie Miller
- b. This culvert project has been in discussion since 2018. This culvert runs under German Flats Road. At this point we have a 30% design. Currently this culvert is blocking trout movement upstream.
- c. Federal funding is available for this project; last projected cost of the project was \$450,000.
- d. Chuck: Can you clarify if the \$7,500 town match is for this phase of the project, or for the whole project? Corrie: The \$7,500 is what you've committed for this entire project. If more is needed, we will come back and ask.
- e. Corrie: We are seeking Selectboard feedback on the design tonight and then put the RFP out. One quick update: Anne Felderman reached out and was supportive; she could not attend tonight. Jared: And they are the immediate downstream abutters? Corrie: Yes.
- f. Presentation by Corrie & Tony (screenshare of plans).
 - i. The pipe proposed now is similar to what was proposed a few years ago; it is less complex in layout resulting in cost savings. The pipe will slope with the streambed.
 - ii. New pipe will be shorter than existing pipe and has the same slope. The stream alignment has been signed off by US Fish & Wildlife.
 - iii. Aluminum headwalls will be placed on either end.
 - iv. Unidentified Voice: Is that an open bottom arch? Tony: Yes (references plan). Foundation will be large boulder type concrete material.

- v. To keep costs down, the road should be shut down for 3 weeks rather than do it in 2 halves. This reduces the need for regrading and additional materials. This would save about 5% on the project. Corrie: and this would impact the 60/100% designs? Tony: Yes that does impact the design, but more importantly the overall savings. Corrie: And by shutting down the road the construction will likely go faster. 3 weeks is an estimate.
- vi. As far as we know this is a 3-rod road and the existing pipe extends beyond the right of way and I assume the Town has some sort of easement, but we may require permission or notification to the abutters. Jared: I know the Feldermans are one of the adjoiningers. Tony: I don't have the names, but the ones on the upper right and lower left.
- vii. Jared: On a project this scale, it makes sense to shut the road down completely. I think with enough notice we can lessen the inconvenience up and down the road from the project.
- viii. Corrie: Do you have any comments on the road guardrails or road surface? Jared: As long as the existing guardrail placement will continue with the new pipe, we're fine. Tony: Do you care if we recycle and reuse the existing guardrail? Jared: Absolutely. Stuart: We buy recycled rail anyway.
- ix. Chuck: where will the staging take place? Tony: If we can shut down the road, the contractor will likely stage on the road in 2-3 days and preassemble several sections and drop in each section. We have not specified an off-site staging area at this stage.
- x. Corrie: If we can get this design complete this year, can the Town manage the contracting process? We would have the funds directed to the Town. Patti: That should be fine. . (Not very audible)

5. Gravel Pit Lease by the Ridge Runners

- a. Steve: A couple of years ago a lot of snowmobile clubs started buying their own equipment and now we're looking for a place to house our groomer and other related equipment They are interested in leasing a section of the Town gravel pit to do this.
- b. 40 x 40 building proposed, to be placed in a section of the lower gravel pit. Road foreman confirmed that this location would not interfere with operations at the gravel pit.
- c. Jared: We have done a quick review of the sample lease arrangement provided by the Ridge Runners.
- d. Chuck: I think there are couple of steps after our agreement tonight; you'd have to work with the zoning administrator and then work up a lease for review by the town attorney.
- e. Patti/Jared: We will have to understand insurance and liability. Jared: I think this is straightforward. Patti: We will have to discuss length of lease as well.
- f. Selectboard agrees to move forward with this project. Will have ZA check on zoning requirements, and Town attorney to check on legal aspects.

6. Excess weight permits

- a. Swan Site Work (Shelburne) – one dump truck.
- b. Barrett Trucking
- c. Vermont Well and Pump

7. Read Mail and Sign Warrant

- 8. Motion to adjourn by Jared, seconded by Chuck. Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Carter

Approved: Jared Cadwell