

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

March 13, 2017

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault and Charlie Thomas

Visitors: Maurice Jettie, Dustin Tanner, Mike Kusmit, and Matt Bogaczyk

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Matt Bogaczyk, High Risk Rural Roads came to review the agreement for the Chester Arthur/North Road intersection and to suggest changes to the existing agreement. There is a liability issue with the “traffic coming from the left” sign. To be changed to say, “Cross traffic does not stop”. Detection system to be changed to an in-ground loop. Maintenance of which is the responsibility of the town. Gavin made a motion to change to the loop system and change the sign as suggested. Gene seconded. All in favor. Maintenance agreement signed and completion assured by the end of the 2018 construction season. We discovered that it has taken so long because our intersection is one of 29 that are all being done as a group. Planning, bidding and completion are done as a group so the plan moves as quickly as the slowest member. Matt is getting ready to set a deadline and tell towns they will be cancelled if not signed by the deadline.
2. Charles Thomas was sworn in to the Select Board prior to the meeting.
3. Mike Kusmit, new resident, would like to know if we want meetings videotaped. No thanks. He would gift this service to the town. Dustin Tanner suggested that this would eventually be mandated.
4. Dustin Tanner is interested in the open position on the Regional Planning Board. Gavin made a motion to reappoint Alisha Larocque and appoint Dustin Tanner to Regional Planning. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
5. Maurice reviewed some work that has happened on the trucks. We need to verify the warranty on the grader to see if the first valve adjustment is included. Moe did grader blade price comparisons. All around \$3K. Some issues with the furnace. Reviewed choices. Make sure the warranty on the \$3K fix is good and then do that instead of a new one for \$12K.
6. Moe checked on paving with Pike. South Road from Button to Ryan, just under 1 mile is \$100K.
7. Maurice wants to talk raises for the road crew next meeting. Maurice and James to go to computer workshop. MM to set up. All need flagging recertification.
8. Maurice to get prices on reclaiming the pavement on Swamp Road in case we don't get our paving grant again this year.
9. Amanda reviewed the Better Back Roads Grants that we have applied for – Barry Road is a \$56K project with a \$16K local match, Pumpkin Village Rd is a \$19K project with a \$4.7K match.
10. Jamie Tibbets re-appointed to the Northwest Solid Waste District.
11. Overweight permits signed.
12. Tom made a motion to enter executive session to discuss tax sales. Charlie seconded. All in favor. Tom made a motion to exit executive session. Charlie seconded. All in favor. Amanda and Linda to use their judgment in selecting which lawyer to use for each tax sale.

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13. Gene made a motion to organize the board in the same manner as last year. Tom Howrigan – Chair, Gavin Ryan – Vice-Chair, Gene Archambault – Clerk. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
14. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes to include deleting the amendment to the minutes of 2.13.17. Gene seconded. All in favor.
15. Gavin made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Gene seconded. All in favor.

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