

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen -Draft

October 3, 2019

7:00 PM

Present: Lee Ann Isaacson, Mark Pelletier, Dave Brown, Lori Scott

The meeting came to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one change. Sand shed update revised to say Fire Station Footprint rather than fire footprint.

Stony Brook Road Speed: Reviewed complaint to town office by Justin Farnham and Dorie Trudeau. Dave reported that when the road crews were working on Stony Brook with signage posted the trucks were driving slowly. Jim reported that he has seen the black tractor driving fast on the road. Lori reported that Dorie had called A Johnson to complain directly as the US Post Office as her mail carrier ended up in a ditch. Board also discussed the speed limit which is set by the State Police. **Action Item:** Lori to draft a letter to A Johnson and Rob Fields as the forester informing them of the complaints and require correction of the speeding behavior.

Sand Shed: Board discussed the town land at that Advance Animation location. There are 3 rights of way on the property and environmental protections. The town would have to obtain permits and would need to meet all regulations of the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). The Board decided that the currently proposed sand shed location was untenable and consequently, to shut down this plan and grant and begin over. It was clear to the Board members that the current landowners of the original location were no longer interested in selling their property.

Action Item: Lori to reach out to Pete Fellows at Two Rivers to determine next steps.

FEMA Last Project Close out from Irene: Final project close out reconciliation was approved by FEMA however there are a number of further approvals that still need to be obtained prior to a final close and reimbursement. Jim asked what the final reimbursement will be. **Action Item:** Lori to get reimbursement amount and present to the Board

Road Report

Gaysville Bridge expansion joint and footing work will begin 10/7/2019. Signage is up on the bridge. **Action Item:** Lori to post message on Facebook page and Stockbridge.org.

Town of Bethel has begun the cleanup work on the Town Line bridge on Lilliesville Road. Dave reported that the downstream side is done and they are getting ready to begin the upstream side. They have removed 300 yards of material in the cleanup.

Flood Damage Update: 22 roads were damaged during the 4/15 flood this spring. As of last board meeting, 19 of those roads have been repaired. Since that meeting Blackmer Blvd blacktop work has been completed, guardrail work to be done the week of 10/7, and the culvert on South Hill road is also complete. Remaining work is the bridge on River Road at the Lilliesville Brook Road intersection (Dave continues to work with the state on the plan for River Road. Dave provided his plan requirements to the state and they confirm that it is a good plan. **Action Item:** Dave to meet with the Fish Biologist from the state. He will also forward the plan to the Board.

Culvert was completed on Davis Hill Road

Culvert on Labadie Road will be started on 10/10. Harvey's will be on site for this work.

Leaf Blower to be picked up on Friday 10/4.

Board approved ordering the salt for the winter. **Action Item:** Lori and Dave to get the quote signed and back to the vendor.

Other Business

Tax Bill update: Revised tax bills were printed and sent out 9/27 as expected. Homestead taxpayers who paid the full amount on the old bills have been issued refunds which will be mailed out 10/4.

The Board reviewed the ECS Excavating and Landscaping and the Harvey contract and signed. These contracts were necessary to ensure that the town vendors hold and maintain appropriate liability and workers comp insurance.

Lee Ann provided update on the complaint on the Santos property in Gaysville. There has not been any action completed by the owner. **Action Item:** Lee Ann will continue to work with Dan Levy the Health Officer.

Zoning Update: Zoning Board of Adjustment approved the variance needed for the replacement work at the carriage house at the meeting house.

Lee Ann also reported that she met with Paul Dinger of Kelly Road and advised him that the town cannot weigh in on a private road. The road does have a right of way that should be 3 rods wide but there are no guidelines. The neighboring property has built some outbuildings however there is an agricultural exemption. **Action Item:** Lee Ann will write the property owner a letter.

New Business:

Jim moved that the Zoning Administrator should be paid a minimum of 8 hours per month. Mark seconded and this was approved.

Lori reported that since the salary for the town clerk/treasurer did not meet the Federal minimum salary amount, the town clerk/treasurer position would have to be non-exempt (hourly)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk
