

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen - Draft

December 5, 2019, 7:00 PM

Present: Mark Pelletier, Dave Brown, Jim Shands, Lori Scott

The meeting came to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Road Report**

**Winter Road Preparation**

Sand is scheduled for delivery next week. Board approved gravel purchase. It will be pre-paid to Harvey Excavation and stored at their facility until needed.

**Culverts**

Due to the work needed to repair the town roads damaged during the April flooding, much of the planned culvert work did not get completed in 2019. Board approved purchasing the 2019 planned culvert materials now and storing them to prepare to complete that planned culvert work in 2020.

**Equipment**

Fire Department. Ordering replacement tanks and racks for the fire truck. This will improve safety for the volunteer firemen as the new placement will be lower on the vehicle.

**Roads**

The board wants to evaluate some town roads to determine if they should continue to be town roads or not. They will review and follow the town process for this.

**Mount Hunger Road**

Dave is working with the State AOT and Two Rivers to obtain a grant to rework Mount Hunger road more appropriately. He has support from the state and the road residents impacted.

**Other Business**

The board reviewed notice from the New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) notifying the town about a support/license fee increase for 2020. NEMRC is the provider of the software that maintains the Grand List, produces tax bills and records and tracks tax payments. This will be included in the 2020 budget.

Bridge Street work was completed and the paperwork to obtain reimbursement from the grant was prepared. The board signed off and the reimbursement request will be submitted 12/6/2019.

**Orders were reviewed and signed**

**New Business:**

2020 U.S. Census will begin in the spring. The Census department is looking for Census takers and have outlined the process for the town. The Census taker information is posted in the town office and informational materials will be posted on the Town of Stockbridge Web Site.

USDA Timber stand improvement project. Board reviewed the information and is asking the Road Commissioner to review and provide any concerns or comments. **Action Item:** Dave to review.

Stockbridge has a current approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) that will expire within the next few years. The State of Vermont is developing a new grant application process to fall within FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program. The Board approved Stockbridge participation and signed off on the Hazard Mitigation Application Funding Certification.

Chateauguay Forest Legacy Project. The town received information about the project this week asking for the boards support. There was also an article in this weeks Herald outlining details. The board would like to review this further in deeper detail. **Action Item:** Board to review and discuss at the next Selectboard meeting.

The Agency of Transportation sent notice of a Public Transit Policy Plan. <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/PTPP> . This plan is available on the link above and open for public comment until 1/3/2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk

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