

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen -Draft

June 18, 2020 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Info

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Present: LeeAnn Isaacson, Jim Shands, Mark Pelletier, Dori Trudeau, Susan Pelletier, Kevin Geiger, and Lori Scott.

The meeting came to order at 7:00pm. Jim read the minutes from the last meeting. Lee Ann motioned to approve, Jim seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Road Report

Mirror on Mt Hunger and 107.

Cost for the mirror itself is between 368 for a 26" and 584 for a 42 inch. The 26" should be sufficient. If it needs to go in the State Right of Way, the town will have to apply for a permit and fill out form 111. The town would be taking on some liability to make sure it is maintained (not broken, no snow and clean) always. Dave is not recommending this, due to the requirements. He is working on a plan to redirect access to the road. **Action Item:** Letter to homeowner

Question on Road out to Dan and Jenn Wall Howard's camp

Dave believes that the road going out to the camp is a town road. It is town highway 34 known as Prior Dam Road. (From Lori) From the TRORC map and the e911 map it has been renamed as No Town Road and there is a 911 address for the camp. Selectboard questioned who changed the road from Prior Dam Rd to No Town.

Problem List for the Loader

- Yellow Engine light on with Red Exclamation mark **!**
- Brake engagement of 4x4 will not turn off causing a clunk sound
- Windshield washer tank is broken
- Parking brake switch is broken
- Bushing worm in front end is being repaired under warranty
- There is an additional noise that should not be happening. Not sure what it is.
- Ditching bucket workout where it hooks to the machine is ready to fail. If this fails out of warranty it will be a large repair bill. (Warranty runs out 10/17/2020)

Stony Brook Grant - Project complete. This should be a big improvement for next mud season

Work in Progress and Updates - Whitcomb Hill should be next on the project list. Lyon Hill work continues with clean up and stump removal

Public Communications

Swimming hole parking issues at the Gaysville PO – Dori Trudeau

Dori discussed the parking concerns. There is signage in 10 spaces and the handicapped space. People are not respecting the signage and are parking in the lot. On Wednesday, there were 12 vehicles parked in the lot. She also reported that the people parking there are being disrespectful of the postal clerk when she asks them to move. Jim asked how many spots are needed and Dori explained, that since the Federal Government leases the property, it is guided by the Federal mandates. Parking in the lot is for Postal Customers only. It creates liability issues if non-

customers park in the lot. Dori asked if the town could open the campground for parking. The Selectboard will not open the campground due to safety issues. Dori also reported that State Police will not get involved in private property issues, however they will accompany a tow truck for safety. The Selectboard advised Dori that they support her initiating towing if that is what is required to stop the parking issue. They also want to have Dave weigh in on allowing parking on Bridge St. **Action Item:** Dave to advise.

Other Business:

Delinquent Tax update: Susan reported that 9 liens have been filed against property for taxes, penalties, and interest in early June. One of the property owners has since paid. Susan also reported that the delinquent balance last year at this time was 42,061 and the balance currently is 26,621, so collections have improved. There are also 2 property owners on Hawk that she is unable to contact. Neither have paid taxes in 4-6 years. The Selectboard asked to initiate a Tax Sale

Quin-Town Energy Committee: Kevin Geiger reported that Tori Littlefield is trying to create an intermunicipal energy committee across towns. He wanted to ensure that this is on the Selectboard's radar. This group would coordinate information like workshops to help homeowners access resources. Jim asked how this differs from the work Efficiency Vermont does. Kevin said that the committee would enhance the services provided by Efficiency Vermont and bring the information and connection to homeowners. Kevin asked if Stockbridge has any residents that would be interested in being on the committee. Jim indicated that Stockbridge still has two vacancies on the planning commission that need to be filled first.

Loader Replacement: Current 2013 Loader is going out of warranty on 10/17/2020. Warranty was 7 yr/4,000 hours. It has 4,099 hours of use. Dave provided the current problem list with the loader. Dave has gotten pricing for both purchase and lease for the same model and one up. The most cost effective is purchase. Jim asked if we have the money in the equipment fund. The Selectboard wanted to know which model Dave is recommending. The loader is a key piece of equipment that is essential to the road work. The Selectboard asked for a schedule of all equipment for the future. **Action Item:** Lori to get Dave's recommendation and then Dave to move forward with the purchase. Lori to put a schedule together for all equipment with age and warranties.

Prior Business:

ABLE Waste: Jim asked if we have a new contract that does not include Pittsfield. Stockbridge has been paying for Fast Trash service on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. The concern is that Pittsfield residents are utilizing the service. ABLE takes in 800 bags of trash annually. **Action Item:** Jim and Mark with talk to Joyce Stevens to see if they can contribute to the cost.

Gaysville History Book Reprint – The Historical Society/Library have asked to have the book reprinted. We have a history book fund with some money available. **Action Item:** Lori to find out the cost.

Orders were sent electronically to the board members and will be signed and scanned back to the town office.

Mark moved to adjourn, Jim seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk
