

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen

September 3, 2020 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Info

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Present: Lee Ann Isaacson, Jim Shands, Mark Pelletier, Lori Scott, Wendy Bridgewater, Mike Reese.

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

Public Communication – Bix Road – Private Road Concerns

Dave reported that he had measured the distance of the class 4 town road where it turns into the private Bix Road. It was 370'. He is not positive if there is a town road in Bethel that might come into the area from the Bethel town line. Wendy Bridgewater's daughter is under contract to purchase 3 of the lots on Bix Road. They are the lots the furthest in. Mike Reese asked if there was any documentation on potentially throwing up the road. They are trying to determine how to comply with the Planning Commission's requirements of maintaining the private road so that it was accessible for emergency vehicles. Wendy Bridgewater wanted to confirm acceptable maintenance required by the town. She also wanted to confirm that the town was responsible to maintain the culvert and drainage. Mark confirmed that the town maintains culverts on class 4 town roads. The town does not take care of ditching on class 4 town roads. The minimum road requirements are 3 inches of topcoat and the road must be 16 feet wide. A turnaround is not required.

Road Commissioner Report

Olmstead Dr Request - Beth Sullivan reached out to the town office and Dave to request assistance in maintaining Olmstead Dr. The Selectboard said that the town does not maintain private roads. If the road needs maintenance, then the property owners on the road need to develop a plan to maintain it and share costs. **Action Item:** Lori to draft a letter indicating the Selectboard's decision.

Dave talked to Quality Pavement to get a quote for paving on Blackmer Blvd.

The work on Lilliesville/River Road has begun and making good progress. Additional work has been discovered to work on a channel. This additional work will have a small cost.

Grading and graveling work has been done on Tweed River Drive and a culvert was installed on Spring St. Clean up work still needs to be done on Spring St.

The loader was shipped on 9/2. Action Item: Will need a check cut for the next board meeting on 9/17.

Sand is starting to be delivered for the winter.

Other Business

Outside Drop Box: The state will reimburse towns up to 1,000 for installation. Jim asked about a mail slot. Mark had concerns about availability in the time frame. **Action Item:** Lori to investigate availability.

Tweed Lane Asbestos and Demo: Quotes received for the abatement work. The Selectboard moved to approve starting the work. The contractor (Catamount Environmental) can begin 10/5/2020. **Action Item:** Lori to prepare Demo Bid packet and advertise the request for proposal in the newspaper.

Cash Flow: Board reviewed current cash flow. The town is still tracking positively at this time.

Tax Bill Update: RSUD will be submitting the approved budget to the state Agency of Education on 9/11/2020. The AOE will then submit to the Department of Taxes to calculate the rate. Bill should be out by the end of the month.

In Person Meetings: The board discussed restarting in person meetings. Given that there is an increase of COVID exposure in the area Lee Ann suggested the board discuss closing the town office temporarily. Lori shared that the current process of having the office open is still good. The board is concerned about staff safety. **Action Item:** The board will re-assess at the board meeting in October. Board members will stop by the office to sign any documents needing signature.

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

The board is currently working on the personnel policy. Once reviewed, it will be sent to the VLCT for their review.

Jim moved to adjourn, Lee Ann seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk
