

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF AUGUAT 19, 2014  
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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Norman (Nope) Martin, Chair

Present: John Timken, Mary Oldenburg, Vicky Young, Randy Kennedy and Nancy Robinson

Guests: Ned Candee, Virginia Dean, VT Standard Reporter, Linda Canepari and Job Tate.

John moved to accept the minutes of July 22, 2014 as written. Mary seconded the motion. Nope asked the status of the cemetery request for a couple of loads of material. Randy has taken 3 loads to the cemetery. Randy also brought to the boards attention that the area near the wall is caving in. Coleman Hoyt will be notified. Motion to accept minutes carried.

**Visitors:** Ned reported that the Chateaugay Road is in good shape. Linda came before the board to ask the Board to consider waiving the penalty applied to her tax bill due to the late filing of her homestead declaration. Explained that she filed her fed tax online and timely but filed her state tax directly to the state (timely) but without signatures. Due to the delay in getting the forms signed it caused her homestead to be considered filed late setting her up for the penalty. This year the penalty was 8% of the education tax due to the fact that the residential tax rate is higher than the non-resident rate. If the rates were reversed, the penalty would have been for 3%. There are approx. 20 other taxpayers that have received the late filing penalty. Board discussed this issue and decided that if they waived the penalty for one, they would have to waive it for all late filers. Mary moved to waive the penalty for all of the late filers for this year. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

**Highway:** Randy will be on vacation from August 25<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Road crew are currently cleaning ditches and installing culverts on Hale Hollow to get ready for paving in mid-September. Have been working on Goldcoast Rd. cleaning out a culvert by Sawyers. Needed assistance from the Fire Dept. with getting enough water pressure to clean out the culvert. Randy noted that the road crew will be working on ditches on the North Bridgewater Rd including an area by Bird's. Will also do some ditch work/turnouts on Cox District Rd by Soula's. Town has received notice of salt prices from Cargill for the coming winter. Prices have gone up from \$56. a ton to \$83. Town still has some left from year. An access permit was approved for Valeria Bridge Gargas for a new driveway on Bridgewater Hill. Discussion of purchasing various hose and fittings for inventory with the ability to use Plymouth's new "crimping" machine. Board tables discussion to a future meeting. Randy is still getting information regarding the culvert replacement at the bottom of Bridgewater Hill. Quote that was used for grant paperwork did not include 10' culvert that the hydraulics study is requiring. Roadside mowing has begun and will be completed soon.

**Treasurer's File:** Payroll and order sheets were signed. Discussion of an invoice from Bridgewater Village School for water testing. The School shares water with the Southgate House. Mary moved to pay \$500. of the \$1,800. invoice as that was all that was budgeted for last year. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried. Nope signed the engagement letter for the 2014 fiscal year audit to be performed by Schiffman, Dattilio and Liepmann, P.C. A current budget status report was given to the board for review. Vicky presented the board with a letter from Joni Kennedy, Del. Tax Collector asking for approved to send 11 delinquent tax and sewer accounts to the town attorney for tax sale proceedings. Board reviewed list and signed authorization letter. Sewer bills have been sent out with new procedure of one invoice with four coupons.

**Clerk's File:** The September calendar was given to the board. Vicky will be on vacation from Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Primary election is next week and board members may be needed to help with counting. Landfill closure certification is in process, public notice has been warned and comment period will end on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Other business:** Brief discussion of the “boat” at the recreation field that needs to be stained. 2 local people have been asked to give quotes and town has not heard back from either of them. Mary will follow up to get this done.

Board has received a letter of resignation from Gwen Groff representative to the Woodstock Union High School Board as her family will be moving to Plymouth in October. Position will be posted around town and on the town website. Will try to fill vacancy until town meeting.

VLCT is presenting a seminar on September 10<sup>th</sup>. in Montpelier for open meeting and public records law. Nancy will attend. John will not be able to attend the GUVSWMD meeting on Thursday and has forwarded all of the meeting paperwork to Nope and Mary should they decide to attend.

Being no further business, motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

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Clerk