

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 31, 2016
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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Norman (Nope) Martin, II, Chair.

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

Visitors: Steve Tarleton Sr., Gloria Martin and Theodore Schulze

Nope moved to accept the minutes of August 16, 2016. John seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: Mr. Schulze presented the board with a Class 4 Maintenance Agreement to preform basic road maintenance to allow emergency and utility vehicles as well as construction vehicles access to his property located at the end of the Class 4 portion of the Chateauguay Road. At this time Nope recused himself from the board and did not participate in the following discussion. Mr. Schulze is currently working with a contractor for solar installation and the road needs to have some maintenance work in order to get vehicles to his property. Mr. Schulze realizes that the town does minimal work on class 4 roads and is willing to pay the expense to a private contractor (Martin Exc.) while still keeping the current spirit of the road. The expected work would involve cutting brush along the road right of way, putting in some culverts to address drainage issues and graveling the road. Mr. Schulze also requested permission to plow or keep the road open during the winter, again at his expense, since he expects to eventually come during the winter to ski. Discussion of the bridge at the entrance of the road and its weight capacity. Randy has requested that the bridge be inspected by a state engineer to determine if the weight limit can be increased. Contractors also get town Excess Weight Permits that put the liability onto the contractor if any road or bridge is damaged during travel or crossing. Mr. Schulze asked if he should also get a weight determination from an engineer at his expense. Ok with board. John and Mary unanimously approved of this work and the Maintenance Agreement was signed.

At this time Nope returned to regular business.

Highway Report: Randy is on vacation this week, came to board meeting to update on current road work. New employee, Tyler Waters is expected to start work next week. New truck is still in Oregon awaiting repairs. Peter is grading roads this week. Discussion of logs that have been placed along the edge of the Oxbow Road within town right of way. This could become a liability to the town if someone hits or runs over the logs and gets hurt or damages their vehicle. A letter will be drafted and sent to the property owner. Randy is scheduled to attend a drug and alcohol suspicion training seminar in Weathersfield on September 15th. Nope would also like to attend and will be signed up.

Treasurer's File: Order sheet #5 (ck #'s 2230-2231 and #'s16989-17001) and Payroll sheet #17002 (#'s 3359-3370 and e-ck #'s 2636-2643) were reviewed and signed. Vicky updated the board regarding the FY 16 Audit. Auditor would like to have a phone conversation with board/member to review GASB regulations and how they affect the town. Will meet with board once audit is completed. John will make contact with the Auditor.

Clerk's File: An excess weight permit was approved and signed for Cardinal Logistics. Board reviewed monthly (Oct. (4th. & 18th.), Nov. (15th. & 29th.), and Dec. 13th.) calendars to set future board meetings. Only one board meeting in September which will be on the 13th. No meeting on the 27th.

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Old business: Discussion of maintenance of the school building in regards to heating, winterizing water pipes and setting up a cold weather alert system. Will look into getting a call system that will notify one or more persons if building temp drops below a set level.

An informational meeting will be scheduled for October 19th. at 6:30 pm to discuss the future of the school building. Board approved housing of chairs that fire department recently acquired from the Congregational Church. Discussion of children's books that still remain in the library. Several boxes of books have been donated to charitable organizations in Rutland per school board approval, but there are many more books to be taken care of. Will continue to work on getting remaining books taken care of.

New business: Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission has voted to form a Clean Water Advisory Committee and is asking towns to appoint a representative. Nope is willing to act as Bridgewater's Rep. as long as meetings are not always held during the day. Board has received a letter of interest for the open WUHS board position from Perrin Worrell. John moved and Nope seconded to appoint Perrin to fill the board member position until the next town meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion of noise complaints that the town/board members have been receiving regarding loud music being played during parties, weddings and private events. Will get information regarding noise ordinances. A hazardous waste collection for used motor oil and fluorescent light bulbs will be held at the Town Garage on October 1st. from 8 to 11 am.

Re-visited the discussion of the painting/staining of the "boat" at the recreation field. Phil would be willing to paint/stain the boat at no cost to the town other than purchasing the supplies. Nope and John approved of this community service.

Being no further business, Mary moved to adjourn at 6:10 pm. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk