

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Norman (Nope) Martin, Chair

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

Visitors: Ned Candee and Virginia Dean, VT Standard Reporter

Nope moved and John seconded the motion to accept the minutes of July 8, 2014 as written.
Motion carried.

Visitors: No comment

Highway Report: Newest truck (2014 Freightliner) is going to Osgood's for oil leak. Will either patch tank or build new one. Road crew is ditching and grading roads. Town has received notification of a Structures Grant, to replace the culvert at the bottom of Bridgewater Hill. Grant may have to be amended due to change of culvert size and pricing. Randy is following up on this and will work with VTRANS to amend the grant if needed. Town has been asked to participate in a research project conducted by UVM in collaboration with the VT Agency of Natural Resources and VTRANS. The project/study is being done to better understand the best management practices in improving drainage on dirt roads and reducing water quality impacts on rivers and streams. After some discussion between the board and road foreman, the board decided not to participate in this project at this time. Cemetery Commissioner, Paul Hutt has asked the town for a couple of loads of material for the MT. Pleasant Cemetery to repair the road. Randy will deliver requested material.

Treasurer's Report: A current order sheet was signed. Residential tax rate was set at \$2.2334 breakdown of state homestead educational rate of \$1.8217, municipal rate of \$.4099 and local agreement rate of \$.0018. The Non-Residential rate was set at \$2.0418 with a breakdown of Educational rate of \$1.6301, municipal rate of \$.4099 and local agreement rate of \$.0018. The residential tax rate is up approx. 4 cents from last year's rate of \$2.1984. Lister's have received a decision from the State Hearing Officer regarding the 2013 tax appeal. The Hearing Officer lowered the property assessment by approx. \$100,000. The town has refunded the taxpayer the difference between the 2013 value and new awarded value of approx. \$2,000.

Clerk's File: An excess weight permit was signed for Mark Martel. The August calendar was given to the board. Due to the Primary Election on the 26th, the board will have only one meeting in August on the 19th.

Other business: Discussion of ICS/Incident Command Systems training that is required for local officials, fire departments, emergency personnel and highway departments. Trainings are being scheduled in Hartford later in August and/or can be done online. Brief discussion of speeding on Curtis Hollow Road. No decisions made.

Being no further business, motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk