

TOWN OF BRDIGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2015
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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: Virginia Dean, VT Standard Reporter

Mary moved at accept the minutes of July 14, 2015 as written. John seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: None

Highway Report: Currently grading and patching roads. Will be taking some gravel to Green Gate Road at which time Barnard will grading. Discussion of a bank slide on the Little Sherburne Road. Slide is about 80 long and will 7 to 8 feet of height to repair. Randy estimates that approx. 10 loads of big stone will be needed as well as an excavator to stabilize. This needs to be fixed immediately or we could lose the roads, especially with log trucks traveling over it. Estimated cost to repair is \$7,500.00. Randy was given approval to hire local available contractor to do this work as soon as possible. Randy brought to the board's attention a new driveway access off from the Bridgewater Center Road. This is a second access and no permit has been issued to the property owner. A letter and access application will be sent to the owner. Mastec/VTEL has still been working within town right of way, will follow up again to get information. Roadside mowing is expected to begin in early August.

Treasurer's File: Order sheet was signed by board. Engagement letter was signed for new audit firm of Pace and Hawley from Montpelier. Will begin FY 15 audit this summer. Nope moved and Mary seconded to set the residential tax rate at \$2.0160, breakdown of homestead rate of \$1.5610, town and local rate of .4550 and non-resident tax rate of \$2.0404, breakdown of \$1.5854 and town and local rate of .4550. Motion carried. Tax bills will be going out early next week. Residential tax rate is down by 21cents from last year's rate of \$2.23. Budget status reports for FY 15 and current year were given to the board for review. Town has just received payment of a delinquent tax account that was 5 years old and over \$30,000.00.

Clerk's File: A Solid Waste Collection permit was approved or Casella Waste Management. The August calendar was given to the board. One meeting in August on the 18th. Community picnic will be held on August 22nd.

New business: Town has received notification of a Motorcycle ride through Bridgewater on August 15th. sponsored by Gifford Medical Center. This ride is in support of end-of-life care. Discussion of fire alarm system at school. After a recent alarm activation, it was discovered that the main panel has a ground fault and needs to be replaced. Howard Fire Control who maintains the system Can replace the panel at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Board reviewed responses from the School Future Survey. Approx. 115 surveys have come back to the office. 59 for option #2 (convert) 37 for option #3 (sell) and about 20 have come in with notes/suggestions. Board will revisit this item later this summer.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Robinson, Clerk