

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

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

Visitors: Ned Candee, Virginia Dean, VT Standard Report and Ernst & Rosmarie Dobler

John moved to accept the minutes of September 9, 2014 as written. Mary seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: Ned reported that the Chateauguay Road is in good condition. Mr. & Mrs. Dobler were present to ask the board as sewer commissioners to reduce their sewer assessment from 3.5 units to 2 units as one of their dwellings is selling on October 1st. and they have stopped running their house as a bed and breakfast. Board will re-allocate the one unit to the new buyer. Nope moved to reduce the sewer units from 2.5 to 2 as the business use has ceased. Mary seconded the motion and motion carried.

Highway Report: Ford and Western Star trucks are both in need of repair/maintenance due to rear end or check engine light problems. Discussion of winter sand purchase, Randy has quotes from D&D for \$14.00 yd., Casella of \$14.25 yd. and Markowski of \$15.75 which includes trucking. Town usually purchases up to 2500 yds. of sand a year. John moved to purchase up to 2000 yds. of winter sand from Casella and purchase up to 500 yds. of "grits" from Markowski to add to the sand. Nope seconded this motion and motion carried.

Town has purchased 2 loads (62 ton) of salt from Cargill and we now have approx. 100 ton in shed. Town normally contracts for up to 150 ton. Will use about 20 ton to mix with sand.

Right of Way permits were approved for Richard Walsh to bury a septic line across the Chateauguay Road and for Harry Midgley to bury a waterline across Grandma's Road. Both jobs will be done this fall. Paving has been completed on the Baker Hill Road but town will go back and do some patch/apron work on the Trinks and Bredice driveways.

Treasurer's File: Payroll and order sheets were reviewed and signed.

Clerk's File: Excess weight permits were approved for Dockham Broz Trucking and Montgomery Logging. Town has received correspondence from Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Planning Commission in regards to a river study being conducted along the Ottawaquechee River between Bridgewater Village and the section of river by the White Cottage Snack Bar. Also a letter notifying the town that Meccawe Club has submitted an application to the Vermont Land Trust to purchase the development rights and conserve 623 acres of working forest land. The October calendar was given to the board. The Town Office will be closed on October 13th. for Columbus Day. Road crew will return to 5-8 hour days the week of October 13th.

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Other business: Town has received notice that Sheryl Phelps, who has recently returned to Bridgewater from Florida, would be interested in the Woodstock Union High School board member position. Nope move and John seconded to appoint Sheryl Phelps to the WUHS position until the next election in March. Motion carried. The Selectboard appointed the following to the Hazard Mitigation Committee; Josh Maxham (Emergency Coordinator), Ed Earle (Fire Chief), Randy Kennedy (Road Foreman) and Nancy Robinson (clerk). Selectboard members will also sit on this committee. Discussion of roadside and landfill mowing for future budgeting purposes. Board would like to have some brush cutting done as well as mowing. John and Randy will meet on Thursday to inspect the roads and come up with a list of which roads need mowing, brush cutting and ditch work. This information will be presented at the next board meeting.

FYI – Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District will hold a special collection day on Saturday, October 4th. at the Bridgewater Town Garage to collect motor oil and fluorescent bulbs from 8 to 11 am.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk