

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2019

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Lynne Bertram, Chair.

Present: Norman (Nope) Martin, Brian Bontrager, Vicky Young, Jeff Sailer and Nancy Robinson

Visitors: Gloria Martin, Bruce Maxham and Allen Stein, VT Standard Reporter.

Additions to agenda: Easement and signage for turn around site at the beginning of the discontinued portion of the Chateauguay Road to the property of T. Schulz. One half mile of class 4 road was discontinued last fall, as part of the process Mr. Schulz agreed to give the town an easement for a turn around site just east of the discontinuance on the south side of the road. Nope moved to hire Atty. Barlow to prepare the easement deed from Mr. Schulze for the town turn around site. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried. Nancy will contact town attorney to get the easement drafted and signed. Jeff will follow up with sign to be put up at beginning of road noting "Dead End Road".

Brian moved to accept the minutes of October 1, 2019, Nope seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors: No comments

Scheduled Visitor: Collen Doyle was not able to attend today's meeting; discussion of Flashing Speed Signs was tabled until budget discussion with Sheriff's Dept.

Highway Report: An access permit was approved for Larry/Seth Bridge on Old Bridgewater Hill Road. Jeff gave the board quotes from 3 Ford garages to replace the 2011 F-350 with a 2019 F-550. Current Ford needs quite a bit of work, new brakes, tires, body and oil/anti-freeze issues. Quotes were from CJ Stewart, Lebanon Ford and Ford of Claremont. With trade in of current truck, all three quotes were between the \$44,000-\$51,000 range and include plow. Jeff is still working on getting "tighter" numbers. Brian moved to purchase a new F-550 truck for an amount not to exceed \$51,000, funds to come from the Equipment Reserve Account. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried. Board members reviewed and signed the Winter Road Maintenance Policy. Jeff reported that the logging workshop went very well. Winter sand and salt has been delivered and mixed. The new t-shirts and raingear have arrived. Office door at garage has been replaced. 2014 truck is still at Earle's for repairs of exhaust system. Jeff and Nancy will attend Drug Suspicion Training in Waterbury on Thursday. Discussion of winter maintenance of dry hydrants, as Jeff was not sure who plowed around hydrants. Town highway department plows out the hydrants, except at the Rec. Field.

Treasurer's File: A current expense warrant # 9 (ck #'s 2480-2484 and e-ck #'s 18512--18547) was reviewed and signed. Vicky has paid all of the town and social service appropriations. Vicky gave the board copies of the final audit for FY 18/19.

Clerk's File: An excess weight permit was approved and signed for Field & Sons to move a mobile home in Bridgewater Center. A catering permit was approved for Woodbelly Pizza for an event in Bridgewater Corners on November 9 2019.

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November, December and January calendars were given to the board for review of meeting and budget schedules. November meetings will be rescheduled from the 12th and 26th to the 5th and 19th due to the holidays. December meetings will be rescheduled from the 10th and 24th to only the 17th again due to the holiday. January meetings will be scheduled to include regular and budget meetings.

Old business: Nancy gave the board 2 quotes from Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing for repairing the cracks on the tennis court. Lynne moved to accept the quote of \$3,177.00 to fill the hairline cracks with Elite-Crack rubberized liquid crack filler, clean entire surface with compressed air, touch up repaired area with green paint (will not match perfectly) and touch up repaired areas with white, elite-line paint. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried. Lynne updated the other board member of the current status of the tax sale. Old Mill Marketplace Owners Assoc. owes the town \$13,479.48 in delinquent sewer taxes. Attorney Barlow is proceeding with tax sale process.

Brian does not feel that the proposed heating/cooling systems would be appropriate/effective for the town office. Feels that a better option would be to make sure that the current heating system is running as effectively as possible and that we should look into replacing the office carpet. Brian will follow up on getting flooring styles and quotes.

New business: The board reviewed the draft sub-grantee agreement prepared by Atty Barlow. Hank Smith and Isaac Wagner have also reviewed the agreement. Nope moved to approve and sign the agreement. Lynne seconded the motion and motion carried. Lynne signed the sub-grantee agreement on behalf of the town. Agreement will be given to Hank for his signature.

Nancy presented the board with a draft Procurement Policy which will be required for any future federal grants including the Hazard Mitigation Revision Grant that the town recently received. Lynne will review the draft policy which will be put onto the next meeting agenda.

Board received notice of a Class Action Suit regarding National Prescription Opiate (NPO) Litigation originating in Ohio. This included all counties and cities within the United States. To remain in the class action, no action needs to be taken, to withdraw from the class action an "Opt Out" form needs to be completed. The board was in agreement to "Opt Out". Lynne will complete the form and send it to the National Prescription Opiate Litigation board.

Town has received a Public Hearing Notice from TRORC which will be on October 30 2019 at 6:30 at the Thompson Senior Center.

Being no further business, Nope requested a brief executive session to discuss personnel per 1 V.S.A. 313 (3), Lynne seconded the motion and board entered into executive session at 6:05 pm.

Board returned to open meeting at 6:15 pm. No action taken.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk