

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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

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

Visitors: Gloria Martin, Bruce Maxham, Bruce Seely, Bruce Martin
Hank Smith, BACF
Allan Stein, VT Standard Reporter

Additions to agenda: Excess weight permits

Brian moved to accept the minutes of February 11, 2020 as written. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried. Brief discussion of new Verizon phone service. Not functioning as anticipated. Checking out costs to change to Comcast.

Visitors: Hank Smith from the Bridgewater Area Community Foundation asked the board to approve a new grant application (Implementation Grant) for between \$100,000-\$250,000 for work to be done on the Community Center Building. Application is due in early April and town will follow the same requirements as when the Planning Grant was applied for. A public hearing will be noticed in the Vermont Standard on March 5th, and hearing held on March 24th after the Selectboard meeting. Hank also reported that the Planning Grant has been completed and reimbursements requests have been processed. May amend original grant to get reimbursement for additional expenses that were incurred. BACF has also received notice of the award of the Northeast Heritage Economy Program Grant for \$80,000. Nope moved to approve the application of the Implementation Grant. Lynne seconded the motion, Brian abstained from the vote. Motion to approve carried.

Highway Report: Jeff reported that one and perhaps two loads of sand will be delivered this week, salt is on hand to mix with sand. Crew had their first full weekend off since winter began. Currently winging back snow with the grader. The 2017 truck was at the garage on Monday to get springs replaced. 2019 still needs to get to the garage for warranty work.

Treasurer's File: Order sheet #20 (e-ck #'s 2503-2504 and check #'s 18697-18707) and payroll (ck # 3892 and e-ck #'s 3069-3088) were reviewed and signed.

Clerk's File: Excess weight permits were approved for Bethel Mills, Harvey's Plumbing, K. Loukes, Markowski Exc. and Weston Pulpwood. The March calendar was given to the board. March 3rd is Presidential Primary, Unified School District budget and Barnard inclusion and bond for new fire station. Polls will be open from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Old business: None

New business: Board members reviewed the FY 22 Transportation Capital Project Prioritization List prepared by TRORC for highway and bridge capital projects. This list is based and ranked by regional criteria. Comments for the list of projects will be accepted until March 6, 2020. The next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will be on March 12th in Bethel and this list will be discussed and approved at that time. No capital projects in Bridgewater.

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Bruce Seely and the board reviewed the process for the Bond Informational Meeting being held at the Grange Hall at 6:30 pm this evening. Lynne will open the meeting and explain the project and committee. Bruce and Josh Maxham will then present information and take questions and comments.

Board members then reviewed the town meeting warning and changes to all of the budgets in preparation of next weeks meeting. Bill Berry stopped by toward end of discussion. No major articles on this year's warning. Any discussions regarding the bond vote and community center will be asked to wait until after the meeting as members from each entity would be happy to stay and answer any questions.

Being no further business, Lynne moved to adjourn at 5:50 pm. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk