

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2020

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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: Present via phone conference -Steve Tarleton, George & Melissa Spear, Bruce Seely and Allen Stein, VT Standard Reporter

Additions to Agenda: Windsor County Sheriff's Department & Fire Station Bond Interest & Principle payments.

Lynne reminded other members that outstanding tickets will be defended by the Sheriff's Department until June 30, 2020. Discussion of resuming Sheriff Department services beginning July 1st. Have seen more State Police presence since Sheriff's are not in town. Lynne will contact State Police out of Bethel Barracks to inquire about their time and services here in Bridgewater. Board will not renew Sheriff's contract, which would begin July 1st. at this time.

Town has been notified by the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank that there is an opportunity for the town to pay bond interest only for 2 years and then begin paying down the principle and interest after the 3rd. year. This will give the town time to get funding and build fire station before payments are made.

Principle payment would be amortized over a 29-year period instead of 30. The payment difference is very minimal to do this. Board voted to unanimously to accept the 2-year interest only plan.

Brian moved to accept the minutes of May 19, 2020 as written. Nope seconded the motion. Motion to accept carried.

Visitors:

Bruce Seely asked the board to approve new members to the Fire Station Committee. Old committee ceased in March with positive vote to build new fire station. At that time, board asked that new committee consist of between 5-7 members with a couple of new faces. Current fire station committee members are Bruce Seely, Josh Maxham, Bruce Maxham and Nancy Robinson (clerk and liaison to board). Lynne would like to keep the committee to 5 members that consist of Bruce Seely, Josh Maxham, Bruce Maxham, George Spear and Chris Stevens. Membership approved by board. This committee will move the building project forward, working with Architect, Engineer(s), interviewing for clerk of works, which will then be approved and hired by the board.

Highway Report: Board reviewed and approved the Guptill access permit on Barnard Chateauguay Rd. Jeff met with Scott Jensen, Steam Alteration Permit Specialist and they inspected several sites; Bridgewater Center, Dailey Hollow, Atwood Lane, Cox District and Phelps Rd. A permit has been issued for the site on the Bridgewater Center Road, which should be repaired before the paving project begins in July. Town crew cannot do the job as the excavator is too small. Jeff will put together a spec sheet, contact local contractors to set up a site visit and get bids before next meeting. There is a failed culvert on Cox District Road that will need to be designed by AOT, funding may come from future grant or emergency state funds if culvert completely fails before grant can be obtained. Culvert at intersection of Atwood Lane and North Bridgewater Road can be replaced and added into the Atwood Lane Stormwater project. Town can fix erosion problem on Dailey Hollow Road, gorge area without a permit. A culvert on Phelps Road will also require permitting and design by AOT, not a threatening issue and will be addressed later. Jeff has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, June 16th at 8:00 am with

Jon Leibowitz from Northeast Wilderness Trust regarding the establishment of a small parking site at the bottom of Bridgewater Hollow Road. Nope will try to attend. Discussion of grader repairs.

Treasurer's File: Payroll (ck #'s 3902-3906 and e-ck #'s 3126-3143) and order sheets #'s 28 & 29 (ck # 18808-18827 and e-ck #'s 2513) were signed. A current budget status report was given to the board for review. General account is very close to budget, highway has a surplus at this time, more expenses expected within the month. Wastewater Treatment account is in a deficit due to several outstanding accounts. Next meeting has been re-scheduled for June 23rd instead of 30th. due to timing of closing out year and scheduling conflicts.

Clerk's File: Nancy will be on vacation (1 week) from June 15-19th.

Old business: Phil Maynes has been to the town office/library to get an idea about the relocation of the Lister's and Treasurer office to the west side of the building. Has sent a quote of \$50.00 per hour up to \$500.00 to prepare a plan for the removal of walls and bathroom areas. Nope moved to approve up to \$500.00 to get this plan. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried.

New business: Board reviewed a letter from the Killington Softball League asking if the Recreation Field will be opened for organized sports this year due to the COVID-19 safety issues. Field will remain closed to organized sports at this time. Board will revisit this item as Governor's directives change. Board reviewed an amendment regarding the Feasibility Planning Grant for the Community Center. Lynne on behalf of the town signed the form, Hank Smith on behalf of the Community Foundation has signed form. This gets uploaded into the Grant Management site for the planning grant. Town has received a notification letter from VTDEC, Hazardous Site Program regarding a report of the release of hazardous materials at the school. The oil tank was recently removed and found to have a couple small holes which leached oil into the ground. Town got the letter as official property owner. The Bridgewater Area Community Foundation is working with Alan Liptak, Environmental Consultant to develop a site work plan for the remediation of the contaminated property. Also working with VT DEC Petroleum program to get funding for project.

Being no further business motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk