

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2020

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

Lynne explained that today's meeting business was going to move through quickly as an Emergency Planning meeting is being held at 5:00 pm to discuss the Coronavirus with the Town Health Officer, Emergency Management Coordinator and Fast Squad President.

Brian nominated Lynne as Board Chairperson. Lynne seconded the motion and motion carried. Lynne nominated Nope as Vice-Chairperson. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried.

Present: Lynne Bertram, Brian Bontrager, Vicky Young and Nancy Robinson
Nope Martin was not in attendance due to illness.

Visitors: Bruce Maxham, George & Melissa Spear and Allan Stein, VT Standard Reporter
Josh Maxham, Ellen Quinn and Zach Bowley

Brian moved to accept the minutes of February 25, 2020 regular board meeting and bond informational meeting. Lynne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors:

Highway Report: Jeff not in attendance today. Spec/quotes for new truck will be discussed at the next meeting. Board reviewed and signed the Road & Bridge Standard Certificate of Compliance and the annual Municipal Roads General Permit form. Town has received a draft RFP, prepared by TRORC for the construction of the sand/salt shed. Nope and Jeff have reviewed the RFP and feel that it is ok to send out. Lynne moved to proceed with the RFP for the sand shed. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried. Jeff and Nancy are signed up to attend the next Road Foreman's meeting in Chelsea on March 24th. Topic of discussion will be Tier II hazardous material reporting.

Treasurer's File: Order sheet #' 21 (ck #/s 18708-18727) was approved and signed by the board. No budget status report this meeting, will have one for next meeting.

Clerk's File: A liquor license was approved for Sunrise General Store.
Excess weight permits were approved for ABLE Waste, Blaktop, Thomson Logging and NE Quality Service.

Old business: None

New business:

Board has received a letter of interest from Nicola Shipman to fill a vacancy on the Windsor Central Unified Union School District Board. Brian moved to appoint Nicola Shipman to the WCUUSD Board. This term will be until the next election. Lynne seconded the motion and motion carried. Nancy will notify Nicola of her appointment and need to take oath of office.

Annual appointments were made:

Lynne moved to appoint the following town officials as provided by state statute. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried.

Road Commissioner:	Norman Martin II (not foreman as was typed on the agenda)
Tree Warden:	David DiBenedetto
Planning Commission:	Bruce Maxham
Emergency Management:	Josh Maxham
E 9-1-1 Coordinator:	Steve Hill
Fence Viewers:	Owen Astbury, Andy Bird and Clifford Geno
Pound keeper:	Vacant
Newspaper of Record:	Vermont Standard and/or MT Times
Representative to TROP:	Lynne Bertram
Rep. to GUVSWMD:	Lynne Bertram
Representative to TAC (Transportation)	Norman Martin II and/or Jeff Sailer

Brief discussion ensued as to how people are appointed to these positions, time of future board meetings, recording of meetings and conflict of interest for board member(s) working for the town.

Rules of Procedure for conducting business will be done at next meeting.

5:00 pm

At this time; the regular business portion of the meeting concluded and the board met with Josh, Ellen and Zach to discuss the Coronavirus and to set up plans for dealing with local issues.

Josh reported that he had been made aware of one Bridgewater resident that is currently under self-quarantine and may need future assistance with food and medicine. The Thompson Senior is aware of local concern and is delivering Meals on Wheels daily. Ellen will contact Macs Market and the Woodstock Pharmacy to see if agreements can be made to fill phone orders for essential foods and meds as necessary which will be picked up and taken to the home and left outside. Zach reported that if any calls come into the ambulance and/or fast squad, they have or will have protocols in place to screen patients and will wear protective medical gear.

Nancy will draft a news “flyer” regarding these steps which will be put onto the town website and around town.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk