

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2020

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

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

A phone in conference number was provided for visitors to call into the meeting

Visitors: Allan Stein, VT Standard Reporter, Bruce Seely

Additions to agenda:

Parcel Mapping contract; The town has received a bid from Atlas Mapping to continue the mapping project that VTRANS initiated in 2016. Bridgewater's maps were produced in 2019 and need/should be kept current, at town expense. The bid is for \$3,200. Brian moved to accept the bid of Atlas Mapping for \$3,200. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Woodbridge Wastewater Unit Assessment – asked town for an adjustment due to closure of bed & breakfast related to Covid-19. Currently billed at 5 units. Nope moved to deny the request for adjustment as allotted capacity is in place and may lose if adjusted. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried.

Brian moved and Nope seconded to approve the minutes of April 21, 2020 as written. Motion carried.

Visitors: Bruce Seely phoned in to discuss the sprinkler tank item that is under new business. Feels that it is premature to have this discussion with the Selectboard as the fire station building committee has not received or reviewed this information yet. Suggested that the two groups work together to see if one tank can be shared between the two buildings. Brian reported that the daycare could open without the new tank. Brian and Bruce agreed that the two groups would meet and work out plans, design etc.

Highway Report: Ditching and grading roads. Some ditches are still quite wet. Have purchased the hay shredder; grant reimbursement paperwork is on agenda to be signed. Atwood Lane stormwater project is planned to begin this week. Will try not to disturb trees in order to mitigate any further erosion. Culvert that comes onto North Bridgewater RD from Atwood Lane needs to be replaced. Jeff is meeting with Scott Jensen (ANR-Streambank Alteration) on June 1st. to look at a couple of other sites in town that will require permits and will discuss this culvert as well. Bridgewater Center Road paving project is scheduled to begin in July. Jeff presented the board with a quote in the amount of \$5,591.00 for paving of the apron and road by the Fire Station Bridge. This work will be done while the paving company is doing the Center Road. Nope moved to accept the bid for the extra paving. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried. Town has received notice from Northeast Wilderness Trust (Bramhall property) regarding a parking site off the Chateaugay Road for hikers. Jeff will meet with a representative to discuss this project. Jeff asked the board to revisit the summer hour policy for the highway department. In past years the crew worked 4-10-hour days beginning in May through October. Board had discussed and decided to require crew to work 5-8-hour days when new employees were hired last year. Part of the reasoning was to make sure that someone was always available on Friday in case of any emergencies. Lynne moved to allow the highway department a one-month trial (June) to work 4-10-hour days, providing that Jeff prepare a schedule that 2 crew members would be available on Friday's. Brian seconded this motion and motion carried.

The annual ATV policy was reviewed and re-adopted. The Hay Shredder Grant reimbursement paperwork was reviewed and signed. Town spent \$7,500 on shredder and should get \$6,000 back.

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An RFP, prepared by TRORC for the new sand shed project was reviewed. Concerns raised that total project will come in higher than the awarded grant and town would be liable for more than the 20% match. Nancy will follow up with TRORC regarding boards concerns.

Lynne mentioned that several road signs are missing. Nancy will contact Steve Hill to ask him to do a road sign inventory and get a list of signs that need to be ordered. Need to secure the signs to the posts more securely so that they aren't so easy to remove.

Treasurer's File: Current expense #26 & 27 (ck #'s 2510-2513 and e-ck #'s 18778-18807) & payroll (ck #'s 3897 -3901 and e-ck #'s 3110-3125) warrants were signed. Board reviewed budget status report. Vicky will renew the Flood CD for another year. Grand List has been lodged and grievances are scheduled for May 30th.

Clerk's File: Excess weight permits were signed for Arborscape, Limlaw Chipping and United Foods. June calendar was reviewed. Meetings will be on June 9th and 30th (changed from 23rd).

Old business: Tennis court crack sealing could be done this week. Board approved getting work done. Nope mentioned that the overall court is cracking and will need some major work in the future.

New business: Town has received a letter from Green Mountain National Forests regarding relocating a portion of the VAST trail and mitigating some erosion issues. Asking for feedback or comment from the town. Board is ok with project as long as town road is not affected.

Green Up Day has been re-scheduled to May 30th; this year is the 50th Anniversary. Greg Jenne, coordinator, inquired about having a pizza drive thru at end of day. Board did not feel this was a good idea considering current health crisis.

Discussion of opening up wall between town office and old library in order to move Lister/Treasurer Office to that side of building. This would allow for more space for the town office, Selectboard and future expansion of vault. Board would like to see "engineered" plan of project. Phil Maynes or Phil Wilkerson were mentioned as contacts to perhaps provide the town with some preliminary drawings and information.

Brian mentioned that the BACF is trying to locate 3 testing wells under the parking lot. Once located, small areas will be dug up and will be covered with metal plates.

Being no further business, Lynne moved to enter into executive session at 6:10 pm per 1 V.S.A. 13 (3) to discuss contract negotiations related to the Sheriff's Contract. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Board returned to open meeting at 6:30 pm. The following action was taken; Lynne moved that the town is not ready to have the presence of the Sheriff's Department at this time and will not be re-newing the Contract effective July 1st. The Sheriff's Department will be notified when the town is ready to resume services. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk