

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Present: William O. Young – Chair, George Spear-Vice Chair, Stephen S. Tarleton-Road Commissioner, Melissa Spear-Treasurer, Nancy Robinson-Clerk & Victoria Young-Administrative Assistant & Lister

Visitors: Gloria Martin, Greg Robinson, Tammy Wardwell, Deb Ogden

Zoom: Diane Martin, Dennis & Joan Wideman

Executive Session – Personnel Per 1 V.S.A. 313 (a)(3) William called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. William made a motion to enter executive session with Vicky staying and Randy if he is available. Seconded by Steve –motion passed.

Out of executive session at 4:29 p.m. - William made a motion to contact Mike Olmstead to see if they can assist with winter plowing this year. Seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

Call to Order: William called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

- ** Additions/Changes to Agenda: None

Minutes: October 24, 2023, & October 27, 2023, Special Meeting- William made a motion to amend the October 27, 2023, minutes –to read: stone will come from somewhere else. (Instead of from “the gravel pile”) seconded by Steve - motion passed. The Board approved the October 24, 2023, minutes as submitted.

Highway Report: Updates: Steve reported that the crusher was done in the Center ball field; Road Crew is finishing up on Rogers Road then heading back in the Center – working on the side roads.

- Bids – Bridgewater Hollow Road Project- Two bids received: Markowski Excavating Inc-\$406, 107.64 & Noyes Company - \$358,860.00 - the Board reviewed both bids- William made a motion to accept the Noyes bid – seconded by George – motion passed.
- Access Permit Violation Letter – Boisvert/Parker #22-03 – the Board was given a copy of the Access Permit Violation letter that was sent to both parties for the violation of their Access Permit. Notifying of an “unlawful access” onto the Gold Coast Road. This will go in their file for the record.

Melissa also updated that the town had received the Hydraulic Study from the State for the Pearsons Road Project. Also, that we are waiting for guardrails to be installed on several sites, and that FEMA will be here on Thursday. General discussion - Deb Ogden talked about the berm that was worked on by her house, and Tammy asked about the driveways on Braley road that have a drop-off on the edges.

Treasurer’s File:

- Warrant #24-08 – Cks #2785-2789 & Cks #20919-20967 –The warrant includes the payments to the School District & the payment that is due to the State. The board reviewed and signed the Warrant.
- FEMA Update: FEMA rep will be here Thursday, and we hope to upload some projects into the portal. General discussion ensued.

Clerk's File:

- Catering/event application for Shackleton Thomas Open House on Dec 2, 2023, from 3-6 pm. William made a motion to approve the application for Nancy to submit to the State. Seconded by Steve - motion passed.
- Clerk Office closure/vacation November 20th – 24th. Thanksgiving Week.

Lister Updates: None

New Business: We received a letter today from the BVFD - "the old fire station building was sold on November 8th, 2023, and part of the sale allows the fire department to maintain in the old fire station their personal property until December 31, 2023. The town's obligation to provide insurance with regard to the old fire station and its contents and equipment will cease on that date." Vicky reported that she had passed this information to our insurance company, and they will remove the building from our 2024 policy.

Vicky gave the Board a copy of the Snowmobile Policy to review - The Board will approve the list of roads at the November 28th meeting.

Old / Other Business: Nancy asked about the new truck that was approved at the town meeting? William answered that it arrived a few weeks ago and is at Viking-Clive's getting the final additions - should be ready by early Spring. She also had two questions for George - asked about the cameras at the highway garage –George said that the batteries were dead in the cameras. She also asked about the missing I-beams that he had asked about a couple of years ago. He said that he did not know where they went. She asked if they were in Daily Hollow-on Little Sherburne Road? He did not know.

Next Regular Meeting: November 28, 2023

Visitors: Joan Wideman asked if the town will put up the painted orange sticks -posts on critical places along the roads of culverts, and other places for snowplows and vehicles to be aware of. Gloria asked about the conditions of some roads. General discussion.

Adjourn: William made a motion to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. - seconded by George – motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Young

Administrative Assistant