

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 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, Jeff Sailer and Nancy Robinson  
Present via Phone Conference Call: Allen Stein, VT Standard Reporter, Attorney Michael Reese, Kylie Peterson

Addition to agenda: 19/20 Audit Management Letter signed by Lynne, Landfill Post Certification Testing Contract with VHB signed by board, Request to use Tennis Court to play Pickleball. Request granted.

Michael Reese & Kylie Peterson addressed the board with a request for the board to Affirm that a public right of way/access exists to the DeCristofaro property via the Scales Road. This road appears on the town highway map as a Class 4 road with 0.14 mileage. Property is currently being offered for sale and both seller and buyer want the town to acknowledge that there is access to this property. Board members responded that the town needs to do some research to verify classification and distance. Discussion of need of future bridge. Brian moved to table this item until town can get more information. Nope 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried.

Brian moved to accept the minutes of September 8, 2020 as presented. Lynne seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: None

**Highway Report:** Jeff reported that he has inspected the Cooney access on North Bridgewater Road and finds that it has been installed as outlined in application and is ready for final approval notice.

Board reviewed access application for Jenne property on Braley Hill Rd. Sign Notice to Proceed.

Jeff will look at what appears to be a new/revised access on the Barnard Chateauguay Road. Property owner may need to apply for a permit.

Discussion of Municipal Road Grant/Storm Lined Ditching. Jeff will follow up and may submit application by October 30<sup>th</sup>. deadline.

Changed culvert on Wayside Road. Road have all been graded. Lynne asked if the town had any Dead-End Road signs as one needs to be replaced on Perkins/Latham Road. Grandma'ams Road needs a new Yield Sign.

**Treasurer's File:** Order sheets #5 (ck #'s 2522-2523 and e-ck #'s 18945-18961 were reviewed and signed. A current budget status report was given to the board to review.

**Clerk's File:** September meeting calendar was reviewed by the board.

**Old business:** Planning Grant (BACF) Close-out hearing will be scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm before regular Selectboard meeting.

Sheriff's Department has completed the speed study for the Radar Speed Feedback Sign application to be installed on the 25mph signs. Lynne suggested holding off on submitting application as town has requested a speed study on the west end of town to see if the 35mph can be lowered to 25mph. If this is changed, will change placement of flashing sign. Trying to keep a consistent speed through village area.

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Lynne asked that Nancy make the Transportation Committee aware of the towns plan to install the radar speed signs, as this may help with decision.

**New business:** Brian moved to appoint Justin Wardwell to the E-9-1-1 Coordinator position. Lynne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried.

Discussion of Social Service Petitions – asking the town to waive the requirement to get signed petitions this year due to covid-19. Board decided to hold off on any decision at this time.

Drive thru flu clinic – A request has been made to use the Southgate Parking area for a flu clinic on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-1. Board members were concerned about entering/exiting RT 4. Suggested that the clinic be held in Woodstock using the high school parking area. Nancy will notify health director of this decision.

Brian reported that he had been in contact with an electrician that will come to inspect the electrical needs at the town garage and give us a quote. Vicky asked about update on using the old library area for office space. Brian has not met with Mr. Maynes to discuss plans.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

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Clerk