

Board of Selectmen minutes

April 26, 2021

(The original minutes were not passed by the selectmen at the April 26, 2021 board meeting. These are the redone minutes looking for approval and signatures)

Board Present: Bart Cushing, chair, Clement Louder, & Victoria Ayer

Meeting CTO 6:02 pm

Previous minutes summarized by Bart. Motion to move minutes denied by Victoria. Victoria said to post as a draft till the next meeting. Motion by Victoria, seconded by Clement, motion passed.

Business Discussed:

Highway Department:

1. Banks Road - landslide next to water. What would you like him to do? Harlan wanted the selectmen to look at the damage. No imminent danger yet. Victoria want's to contact Eckman, the engineer for years ago to discuss it. \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 if Harlan does work, \$10,000.00+ if an engineer gets involved. Victoria asked Harlan if the work was to be done by Maguire Construction or Harlan as a road agent. Harlan brought this issue up to the board because Victoria had thought that road work over \$200.00 should be brought before the board. So that is what he was doing.
2. Beavers are back on Hammond Hollow Road. Bart will write a letter to David Zuwalick regarding this issue.
3. Harlan needs heating oil for the shop.
4. Bart called the engineer and told him the check was on its way. (Mack Road culvert)
5. Bart contacted SRW about the dump, he is also going to call DES to see what needs to be done. John Mathews name was floated as a possible source to help manuver the bank with his buzz excavator. (the base of the dump is the BIG issue). Also we need one more monitor well. Victoria wants reports uploaded on 1 stop by the DES. She was disappointed the water quality samples were not updated.
6. Victoria is looking for W-9 or a certificate of insurance for Sam Maquire before he starts any work. Bart said to Harlan we need to have proof of his insurance on file.

Town Clerk- no report to file. Betsy floated two ideas just for the selectmen to think about: first charging the townspeople no fees to register their auto's and trailers, and second not activating clerk works for online payments. Clement was wondering what percentage used online payment programs in the past.

Other:

Audit: recommital and forensic audit. Victoria is working to get all the needed documents scanned and sent off to Plodzik and Sanderson to satisfy both audits. MRI located the last 3 years of the quick books program that previously could not be located on the system. Victoria said she was disappointed that Sara Oke didn't come into the office to start work last Thursday after she was appointed to the position of tax collector. Bart was under the understanding that she really couldn't start till after the audit.

EXTENSION

Clement gave an assessment of Mr. Spooner's situation with wanting to place 3 box trailers on his property on rte.10. It was discussed that the law states he could have them for 1 year and then he can apply for an exemption. He must keep wheels on and the selectboard should make a note in his file as to the date and time the trailers went on his property to follow it through the year.

David Dauphin brought a few questions to the board:

1. Can Harlan drop some asphalt on the driveway to the town office/ library.
2. Selling town property. How would the selectboard go about it? Bart said auction, others said abbutters.
3. Wanted the selectboard to be aware of Jim Pacora wanting to do a small rock swap at RJ's old building. Rock Swap directors are against this.
4. Looking for Gilsum woods by-laws.
5. Frog pond. Harlan brought some material in. looking for if there was anything else needed to be done.

Checks and Invoices signed and approved.

Cleaning Service: Bart will talk to Primex on our coverage of a cleaning service in our town office. Does someone need to be present or does a company have to be bonded and insured or what.

Motion to close meeting made by Victoria, 2nd by Bart at 8:27 pm all in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Cushing _____

Minutes approved

Date

Chairman Bart Cushing (2024)

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5/10/21

Victoria Ayer(2023)

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Clement Louder (2022)

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Town Clerks notes:

Processed registrations and dog renewals. Phoned about 40 residents on dog license renewals, still have some to go.

I still do not wish to use clerk works to process online registrations. I do not have a percentage of how many people used it, but I can tell you of an example of a person who was charged the bank processing fee and it never was processed. I did call interware and they did refund the amount to our resident. I hope there are no more such cases but i wouldn't know unless it was brought to my attention.

Mays auto renewals were mailed.

I have to start to focus on other duties like vital records and election data.

Also working with Clem Louder on building permits and keeping track on them and what is going on . I have 3 fee's that have come in that I will need to get invoiced out for the next meeting.