

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Kevin Chickering, Lee Curtis, Jason Willis, Bob Best, Mike Baraw, Richard Wells, Sandy Ladd, CJ Thompson, Dwight Brunnette, Rudolph Percy, Steve Edgerley, Sheryl Brown

Below is the link and passcode if you would like to watch the meeting video:

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Rick called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and introduced those present. Jerry read the ground rules for the meeting.

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/5 meeting, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Dwight Brunnette was here to express an issue he had with trees which got trimmed by the road crew, which were in the town's right of way. He stated that he thought that he and the road commissioner has an agreement that Dwight would cut these himself, but a road worker went up and did this. Mike stated that this was a personnel issue and this has been addressed and taken care of.

Richard Wells of the sheriff's department was here to say that there is a new web site for reporting and for us to be able to look at anytime that we would like to. Denise stated that she had not seen the e mail with the information for the town of Newport – he will send the e mail over to Denise. Rick stated that we are still having issues with a car parking on the corner of Vance Hill and Route 105 and this is a problem for vehicles stopping at the stop sign. This vehicle obstructs the view of seeing traffic traveling on Route 105. Richard Wells stated that there is nothing that they can do from a legal stand point to make them move that vehicle if it is on private property, but he will talk to them and explain that this is a problem.

Jason Willis of the fire department was here to see if anyone had any questions/concerns with the fire department. He stated that the fire department has purchased a rescue truck. He stated that this is being paid for 100% with fund raising money that the department is raising. Jason stated that there are still major issues with the present dispatching service. Rick asked how much the city of Newport would charge for this service. He stated that they would charge \$10600.00 per year with a 3% increase each year.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated that he received prices on a new truck. This would replace the 2015 freight liner. Charlebois truck prices were \$126510.00 for a western star and \$117850.00 for a freight liner. Clark's price

for an International is \$115922.00. Sandy was here to answer questions. Jerry made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a freight liner, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote. Jerry made a motion to allow Mike to sign all necessary paperwork, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote. Mike stated that they have been graveling sections of Leadville Road. The Buzzell Road grant project has begun. Mike did receive a complaint with regard to ditching on the Buzzell Road. He received an e mail from a state agency stating that a resident lodged a complaint. Mike stated that this section was seeded and mulched properly as soon as the project was done, this took approximately a day and a half from start to finish. Dwight has concerns with the intersection of Route 100 and Poginy Hill Road and the culvert in that area. Mike will contact the state to see if there is anything that can be done.

Sheryl Brown was here to discuss ATV issues and why they cannot get to her restaurant, Wayne's. Sheryl asked the board to contact the governor's office to see about opening up state roads to ATV traffic. Keven stated that the State approved 2/10 of a mile of Route 105 by Reed road to ATV traffic and he asked the board to sign the paper work. Steve made a motion to deny signing this paper work as this is a state highway and has nothing to do with the town. There was no second to this motion. The board did not sign the paper work.

Water/Sewer/Solar Panel report – Mike stated that well B pump has been replaced. Mike stated he had a request from Bobby Lemay to have the town purchase filters for his water filter that we purchased. Steve asked Mike if a flushing program has been implemented yet. Mike stated that he is working with someone on getting this finalized but this has not happened yet. There are only a few water users on that line and the other users use very little water so the Lemay residence is the one that gets all of any sediment that may occur on that line. The board and Mike agreed that the town would purchase these until a proper flushing program can be finalized. Mike stated that he signed up for leak detection service which is a three day process and is at no charge to the town.

Regarding petitions for 2022 town meeting – Steve made a motion that for 2022 town meeting if an organization was on last year's warning and they are not asking for an increase the petition requirement be waived, with any new requests or increases still having to present a petition, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Update on ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) Denise stated that the town did receive the first of 2 local payments \$154780.84. Denise stated that this money must be allocated by December 31, 2024. Steve stated that the

town needs to get ideas from citizens on what they would like to see happen with this money.

The board signed orders, reviewed and approved bank statement and journal entries, signed Sicard cemetery deed.

Unfinished new business – Steve stated that the town of Coventry completed a town wide re-appraisal. Our town gravel pit’s assessment increased substantially. Steve did grieve this assessment and his grievance was denied. He went to the board of civil authority to hear the grievance. The BCA agreed to meet in the middle and split the difference with the town. The board agreed with this decision. This will be finalized at the October board meeting when Denise receives the official agreement from the Town of Coventry. The board thanked Steve for all of his hard work and time with this issue. Jerry would like to purchase an old culvert that Mike has at the pit that is unusable for the town. The board asked Mike and Jerry to work out the details of this.

Voted to adjourn at 7:30PM.