

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2022 AT 5;30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Jason Willis, Bob Best, Chris Donovan, Dwight Brunnette, Denise Daigle, Becky Therrien, Dana Lesperence, James Duckless

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/8EIlcXlhlbbPIGcSStZN1ogtyygKDyKJT6l6EHcr5Od8xj7ZMm1EbKTP72Xs3d4-UAkUmAYxgYIOgnvl>

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

Jerry made a motion to appoint Steve Barrup as chair of the selectboard seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Rick made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/3 and 2/22 meetings, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – none

Adopt ATV ordinance with minor changes – Steve Barrup gave a brief history with regard to this issue. Steve made a motion to adopt the ATV ordinance with minor changes, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. Dwight and Steve will set up a time to meet and discuss this further. This motion was tabled until the next regular selectboard meeting on April 7, 2022. The board signed the yearly paper work with VASA. The ATV club provided the board with proof of insurance.

Jason Willis was here to discuss dispatching. Jerry made a motion to have Jason obtain a contract for dispatching from the Newport City Police Department, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. This will be finalized at the April board meeting.

Water/Sewer/Solar Panel report – Steve gave an update on the solar panel repair. He stated Rich Nichols is on vacation and the board suggested Steve talk to him when he returns later this month. The Duckless Land will be discussed in executive session.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike was not available. Jerry stated that Gina St. Onge who resides at 399 VT Route 100 would like a sign stating “school bus stop” was there by her property. This is a state highway but the state would like the board to endorse this. Jerry stated that he is familiar with this location and, in his opinion; a sign would be extremely helpful. The board authorized Denise to send an email supporting this to Eric Pope and Jason Sevigny at the state garage.

Water Report – Steve stated we are going to discuss the Duckless land easement – this is a contractual issue and will be discussed in executive session. Rick made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:20PM, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote. Dana Lesperence, James Duckless, Becky Therrien, Denise Daigle were also in this meeting. Steve made a motion

to come out of executive session at 6:46PM, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote. Steve stated we have a tentative agreement with the Duckless family as well as changing the language to state that the town would only be able to have one active well on this property. This tentative agreement has been reviewed and discussed by the water board. Rick made a motion to send this new language to the attorney, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

The board signed orders, reviewed and approved bank statement and journal entries, signed Newport Ambulance Contract for 2022.

The board signed appointments for 2022.

Unfinished/new business – Jerry mentioned that Steve Edgerley is putting a lot of time and energy into the health officer position. This position and the paper work associated with it are becoming much more involved. The board voted to pay Steve and Ann Edgerley \$1000.00 per year for this duty.

Voted to adjourn at 7:10PM.