

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Jason Willis, Bob Best, Ernest Choquette, Dwight Brunnette, Matthew Wilson, Mike Baraw, CJ Thompson, Barry Sahagian, Chris Donovan

Video recording of this meeting is available at the town clerk's office.

Steve 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 3/3/ meeting, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – there were none

ATV ordinance – continuation from March meeting – some discussion followed. Steve stated the motion was made and seconded in March. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Dispatching services – contract with Newport City Police Department. The contract was discussed and the board had questions. Jason Willis will get the questions answered from the City and this will be further discussed at the May board meeting.

Barry Sahagian – rules vs. laws – Barry discussed various items. Members of the body and other citizens present also commented on this.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated that he has been informed that the pickup is being built. Mike stated that our roads appear to be in good shape. Regarding the Farrar Road project – the bids are going to be open this coming Wednesday. Mike stated his employees would like to work four 10 hour days thru the summer. The board stated that this is Mike's decision. Mike has had a couple requests for children playing signs. The board feels these need to be purchased by the citizens if there is proper site distance on this section of road. Mike talked about paving for 2022. The board asked Mike to assess what he feels are the roads most in need and get bids for them. This will be further discussed at the May meeting. Jerry stated he attended the yearly meeting with Vtrans along with Mike and Denise and all went well. Mike stated that Ty Camber has completed his probationary period and doing very well.

Water/Sewer/Solar Panel report – Steve stated that Rich Nicols from Solar Tech took care of the repair work on one of our solar panels. All Earth Renewables assisted in this. The contract for repairs on these panels will be further discussed at 2023 budget time. Mike stated he has some maintenance/pump tests that are state mandated that he is hoping to get done soon. Sewer inspection is coming up soon and Mike feels we are ready for this. The board signed the letter regarding property taxes on the 5.49 acre Duckless parcel. The town received a deed of easement on this property for an existing well on this property. The board acknowledged Louise Duckless and her family for their generosity in this regard.

Lawn Care Bids for 2022 were opened – the town received one bid for lawn care on all town properties. Steve made a motion to award Lawn Care for town properties, Route 100 cemetery,

Lake Road and Wright Cemetery to Knight Property Management, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

The board reviewed the 2021 audit.

Jerry made a motion to adopt the local emergency management plan for 2022, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion, based on the lister's recommendation, to raise Steve Naraghi pay to \$17.50 per hour, which is the same as the other two listers, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion to approve the journal entries and bank statement and to approve the signing of board orders, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote. Rick made a motion to sign the sheriff's contract for 2022, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote. The board reviewed the letter from VT land trust regarding Chaput family farms putting a portion of the former Leo Patenaude farm into land trust. The board has no issues with this.

Unfinished/new business – Ernest talked about the furniture, etc. outside at the former day care building on the corner of Route 105 and Cross Road. Denise stated that she has been in contact with the owner and this is in the process of being taken care of.

Voted to adjourn at 7:15PM.