

Regular Selectboard Meeting Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 5:30PM

Present: Jerry Waterman, Steve Barrup, Richard Gosselin, Bob Best, Barry and Jayne Sahagian, Ernest Choquette, Matt Wilson, Jeff Hoffer, Neal and Larry Munday, Mike Baraw, Mike Cheney, Becky Masure, Denise Daigle

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 7/6 and 7/12 meetings, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – there were none.

Mike Cheney was here to discuss concerns he had with the driveway across from his on Leadville Road. Neal Munday is the property owner and he was here to discuss this as well. Mike Cheney stated that there is, since the driveway was built on the Munday property, a tremendous amount of water now coming onto his property. The board asked Mike Baraw if he had been out to look at this problem. Mike stated that he had and he had someone from the State come out with him as well. This water is not affecting the town road way in any way. Mr. Munday and Mr. Cheney both feel that the contractor that built this road did not do a satisfactory job. The board stated that there is nothing that they can do on behalf of the town and this is something that the neighbors need to work out. The board suggested that Mr. Munday contact the agency of natural resources with his concerns.

Becky Masure from Rural Edge was here to discuss an easement/parking for the 4127 VT Route 105 building. She presented the board with a tentative easement deed for the board to review. After Rural Edge acquires this property they will be asking the town for this easement for one parking place. The zoning board has approved all permits relative to this project.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Report – Jeff Hoffer was here to give an update on our well yields and his evaluation of our wells. He has to submit a report to the state. Jeff stated that Mike Baraw is on top of monitoring the town's wells very closely. Jerry also stated that Mike is doing an excellent job with the town's water. Mike stated that the sewer line was jetted. Jerry stated that one solar panel is still not tracking. All Earth Renewables, who we now have a maintenance contract with, will get this taken care of. Mike stated that the road crew has been busy repairing the roads. Mike asked if he could use some funds from the reserved highway fund to order additional culverts that he is desperate need of. The board approved this purchase. Mike stated he got prices on truck bodies. He has been told that prices are increasing as well as lead times rapidly. Mike would like to reserve a spot in the body building company. The board approved this request.

Barry and Jayne Sahagian were here to address the drain pipe running through their property. The board initially tried to explain their position, Barry would not give the board a chance to speak as he interrupted and screamed. Jayne asked the board to continue as she wanted to hear what they had to say. Steve made a motion to authorize Mike to repair this section of culvert, seconded by Jerry. Further discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote, with the understanding that both the town and the property owner sign an agreement for entry-limited

release for the town to do this repair. Jayne thanked the board. Denise answered questions Barry had on legal expenses and what line item they were expensed to.

Rick reviewed the sheriff's report.

The lister's would like the board to remove from the grand list Phyllis Gable's assessment. Her mobile home was moved off the property last fall and it was not taken off the grand list. Jerry made a motion to remove Phyllis Gable's assessment, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion with regard to late homestead filers that the penalty be 8% for 2023, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion to approve the orders, bank statement and journal entries, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Unfinished/new business – Jerry read a thank you card from Avis Rollins for flowers sent to her upon the death of her sister. Denise discussed a potential new road name off route 100. The new road name would be M and M Road. The board saw no issue with this and this will be finalized at the September meeting.

Voted to adjourn at 7:00PM.