

Brookline, VT

Selectboard Meeting

8/3/2011

Members Present:

Doug Wellman, Chair
Tom Staats
Mike Fontaine
Kim Rink

Members of the Public:

Cynthia Nau, Chair of Brookline Planning Commission (BPC)
Mark Bills, Roads
Kerry Bourne

Doug Wellman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

New Business:

Amy Niebel will now be Select Clerk of the Board: Doug Wellman motioned at \$12.50/hour, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Previous minutes are not available though Doug will provide July 20th minutes after vacation which all agreed was fine.

Cynthia Nau spoke has pictures and diagrams for planting shrubbery and creating the berm around the Vermont Yankee facility. Doug asked about them being almost done and Cynthia indicated that the plans were for approval. Doug asked if they've done anything yet. Cynthia is not aware of anything yet. Kim has not heard anything either.

Cynthia concerned about not having BC hearing to discuss redistricting. Neither Doug nor board members heard about hearing being cancelled or rescheduled. Next meeting is on 17th at 6pm. Brookline missed deadline for redistricting. Some feel we should be districted with Newfane. Penny said she would warn about next BCA meeting. Tom asked if the Selectboard could take the role of warning on meetings. Doug replied that they could for BCA meetings. The plan is to scrub voter checklist and discuss redistricting at meeting on 17th.

Tom asked if there's been an updated budget report. Doug will ask Penny to provide that next meeting.

State Police said they are too busy to patrol here even though we pay them for 5-7 hours a month. Doug talked to the Sheriff last week regarding the dog ordinance. They'd be willing to contract for animal control only. Doug invited him to come to future Selectboard meetings and talked to Sheriff about contracting law enforcement, including animal control. Sheriff doesn't contract with any town that contracts with State Police. Discussion is held about contracting Sheriff as they are local and have more manpower. No estimate was given other than the \$46 an hour, which is less than State Police. Next year, all members are open to switching after the State Police contract has expired.

Old Business:

Tom mentioned the Grassy Brook Rd. septic concern. Tom spoke with a woman who is the fiancé of the owner and said there are concerns about septic but she indicated that they are hardly there but when they are they there camping they use chemical toilet. Mike asked about curb cut and they said they would park on the side of the road. Mike said to note that they have made contact and that the owners have agreed to work with them.

Emergency Operation Plan was passed around by Doug.

Road Report from Mark Bills:

Brush cutting has occurred since his last visit, cleaned ditches, put down gravel on some of the major gravel roads. Got another allotment of gravel near middle to late Aug. Only used a third of the budget for materials so far. He is going to do top half of Putney Mt. Road with gravel.

Road side mowing. Mark has a copy of the map of where needs to be mowed and he will put ribbons out where he needs to turn around. Doug asked if he was to go up mountain. Double mowings were discussed for problem areas, especially blind corners.

The culvert came in and he talked with the Clark Brothers and they are starting the project today. Other culverts will get started next week. Doug asked if they would all be done at once. Mark will done one at a time, starting with Athens Rd.

Ellen Ware Rd. widening – Mark stopped and looked at the job and tried to put together some info about how to do it but would prefer entire board was there to add their input. Doug asked if it can still be done this year and Mark said yes and that it would be a 3-5 day project, however he needs more input from the Selectboard. Discussions about the existing stone walls and how to deal with them. Board agrees to meet Monday the 15th at 6pm at location on Ellen Ware Rd. Tom will contact land owners prior to.

Tom asked about signage about sharp bend on Hill Rd. Discussion about possibilities. Tom asked about getting rid of Y at Kirsh Rd. intersection and whether it would make any difference on the dangerous intersection. The Selectboard is going to check it out after the Ellen Ware Rd. meeting.

Mark announced another issue. Truck got wedged on Putney Mt. Rd hairpin. He called the state to ask about signage for no truck through traffic and is waiting for word back. Also, the signage at bridge which he was told that they are up to date, so no new signs needed at bridge. Merrill Drive and Putney Mt. signs need to be updated but cannot be covered by bridge grant.

Tom mentions Hazard mitigation grant program by FEMA reads description aloud and asks if there are there issues in town that could qualify for this grant. Doug suggests that possibly Putney Mt. Rd. culverts are undersized. Deadline is March 2012 for submission. Hydrology studies need to be in place before that.

Kerry states another area of concern is beaver pond at Parkers and Rutgers which washes Winchester's road out. Selectboard will add that to the meeting agenda for Ellen Ware Rd.

Mike states that the bridge should be open Friday, Aug. 5th if all goes well. Forms will remain until later date as they have another job but will be back to remove. Doug asked if they need to close the bridge again. Mike replied he doesn't think so.

Doug asked if it's time for snowplowing bids. Mike confirmed. Mike will get info together for next meeting. Mark mentioned the salt shed needing repairs and Tom indicated that they talked about that before and have agreed that it needs to be done before winter

Correspondence:

Pay Orders:

Payroll	#2	\$943.56
Acct. Pay	#2	\$1591.33

Tom motioned to approve Pay Orders. Kim seconded. All in favor.

Doug moved to approve the Emergency Operation Plan. Mike motioned they approved. Tom seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

Next regular meeting: August 17, 2011 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Niebel
