

Present

Selectboard: David Jones (Chair), Bruce Mello, Joseph Dutton, Gwen Tanza, Shelby Brimmer

Town Officers: Guy Tanza (videographer)

Recorder: Peter Barus

Members of the Public: Mark Bills

Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

Review changes to agenda if any

Table paving RFP until March 4 meeting, when the Road Commissioner will be appointed.

Old Business, SLP update

Scheduled members of the public

Unscheduled members of the public

Approve Minutes

Minutes from February 7, 2020 Regular Meeting

Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes for February 7, 2020. Second by Mr. Mello. **All in Favor.**

New Business

Paving RFP (Tabled)

Strolling with the Heifers Bike Race

Mr. Tanza discussed insurance for the event, that the organization should provide coverage certification and a safety plan; and will follow up.

Old Business

SLP update

Discuss Road Equipment Purchase Next Steps

Mr. Dutton reported that the Committee stands in agreement and has no additional statement. Mr. Mello discussed vendors. There was discussion of rentals. No new information has been made available; there is rental equipment set aside for the Town's use; the need for more pricing information and specifications on a unit under consideration; that the price cap would be \$150,000 and most likely the Town would spend half that amount; and of warranties. Mr. Dutton explained that more specifics would be available when the new Road Commissioner is appointed.

Town Meeting

Ms. Brimmer discussed promotional efforts on social media and the *Front Porch Forum*, etc.; and noted two people bringing casseroles and pies, and in addition others do so every year. There was discussion of paper goods, advertising and newspaper articles, a listsrv; outdoor lighting and building heat; plans, who will be there and when; furniture; power cords; of raising the question of when to hold Town Meeting, a possible survey on this question; pros and cons of holding Town Meeting on Election Day.

WRC Broadband Project

Mr. Jones noted that the survey and marketing material are online, and flyers and other materials are being prepared (for availability at Town Meeting); that the survey ends March 17th; that printed copies will be available at the Town Office and at Town Meeting; and that an online survey to identify homes with no internet connection could have inherent shortcomings.

SLP Update

Mr. Mello reported that the window painting and repair project had been discussed with a vendor; that the plumbing situation had not changed; and discussed testing requirements.

Summary / Update / Reports

Guy Tanza - Town Clerk Report

Mr. Tanza reported that dog licenses are selling; eight absentee ballots have been issued so far; that Ron Bell dropped off an estimate for the Salt Shed; that the Rabies Clinic will charge \$35 per combination, \$25 per rabies, \$10 per distemper inoculation. There was discussion.

Highways & Roads

Mark Bills - Road Supervisor

Mr. Bills discussed routine road monitoring; and reported that Mr. Clark had replenished sand and salt, and had seen several small potholes to patch when the weather warms sufficiently; that work on snowbanks may commence this time of year, for drainage, Town Meeting, etc.; that information on equipment rental specifications is anticipated.

Communications

Email

- WRC re: list of Town Officials following reorganization
- Ms. Zwick emailed re: changing payroll companies; current one bought out, and problems arose

Regular Mail

- VTRANS re: training, flaggers, airbrakes
 - Census Bureau re: boundary survey (WRC recommends waiting for mapping research)
 - Prevent Child Abuse Vermont re: services and a pinwheel garden, donation
 - BDCC re: Stewardship Workshop Flyer
- Ms. Brimmer suggested retaining BDCC materials for next year

Pay Orders

Accounts Payable

Mr. Jones moved to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #2020-33, dated 2/21/20, in the amount of: \$4,750.77. Second by Ms. Brimmer. **All in Favor.**

Payroll

Mr. Jones moved to approve Payroll Warrant # 2020-34, dated 2/19/20, in the amount of: \$1,218.24. Second by Ms. Brimmer. **All in Favor.**

Set agenda for the next meeting - Friday February 21, 2020

- Reorganization Meeting
- Paving RFP
- Equipment Rental Update

Adjournment

Ms. Tanza moved to Adjourn. Second by Mr. Mello. **All in Favor.**

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Recorder, February 25, 2020