

## **Present**

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

*Town Officers/Members of Public:* Guy Tanza (videographer), Dorothy Maggio (Animal Control Officer), Mark Bills (Road Supervisor), Archie Clark (Road Commissioner)

## **Call the meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. Mr. Jones, Ms. Tanza and Mr. Tanza are attending at the Town Office, along with Mr. Bills and Mr. Clark. Mr. Mello, Mr. Dutton and Ms. Brimmer are all attending via the online/phone conference, along with Ms. Maggio.

## **Review changes to agenda if any**

Annie Guion will not be attending the meeting.

## **Scheduled members of the public**

Dorothy Maggio, Archie Clark

## **Unscheduled members of the public**

None

## **Approve Minutes**

### **Minutes from June 3, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Jones noted a few typos, and no substantive changes. Mr. Jones moved to Approve the minutes for June 3, 2020 as amended. Second by Ms. Tanza. **All in Favor.**

## **New Business**

### **6 Papoose Lane Situation**

Ms. Maggio began the discussion by recapping the recent dog activity at the residence. On June 6, five dogs were seized with the cooperation of the State Police, Windham County Humane Society and Game Warden. Two of those dogs were subsequently surrendered to the Humane Society, and the remaining five are in the process of being licensed. License fees were paid to the Humane Society, who will reimburse the Town. The fines and penalties owed to the Town have been handed over to a collection agency. It was also noted that the owner of the five dogs has indicated they will be sent south for bear hunting on June 18. There was further discussion about the situation with the residents, the responsibility of the property owner/landlord, and the concerns of the neighbors. There was consensus that the situation has seemed to stabilize and currently there is nothing more the Town can do, but the situation will continue to be monitored. The Board thanked Ms. Maggio for her efforts, along with Ms. Libby, the staff at the Humane Society, Vermont State Police and the Game Warden.

### **Road Projects**

Mr. Bills and Mr. Clark have prepared a prioritized list of projects, and there was discussion of several of those. First on the list is the paving of portions of Hill Road, which had previously been tabled due to concerns related to the pandemic. After discussion it was agreed that preparing an RFP for paving and grinding those sections would now be prudent. Approving the RFPs will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. There was also agreement to move ahead on several other projects, including tree removal and culvert replacement. It was agreed by consensus that Mr. Bills' plan to rent a wheeled excavator for one month at a cost of approximately \$6,000 makes sense, as it will enable the culvert replacement as well as other projects during that period. More projects will be discussed at the next meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Bills and Mr. Clark for their attention to all these projects.

## **Old Business**

### **Tax Collection Update**

Mr. Tanza reported that there is currently \$17,500 in outstanding tax liabilities for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. That is down from over \$40,000 that was initially outstanding. The Board thanked Mr. Tanza for his on going efforts on behalf of the Town.

### **SLP Update**

Mr. Mello noted that Norm Holden had expressed to him that not all of the labor costs involved in the window painting had been factored into his bid last Fall. After discussion, there was consensus on the Board that Mr. Holden is expected to stand by the bid he made and that the Town had accepted. Mr. Mello also noted that he and Mr. Jones still have to discuss the woodchip/playground equipment situation with the tenants.

## **Summary / Update / Reports**

### **Guy Tanza - Town Clerk Report**

Mr. Tanza reported that another school budget vote is now scheduled for June 30. Ms. Brimmer and Mr. Jones confirmed that they will come to the Town office that evening to help count the ballots.

## Highways & Roads

Mr. Bills noted that scraping and grading of the dirt roads is ongoing, and that the roadside mowing is scheduled for the second week of July..

## Communications

### Email

- Vermont Department of Taxes – details about revised fiscal reporting dates. It was noted by Mr. Tanza that the plan is still to maintain August 15 as the due date for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly payment.

### Regular Mail

- Green Lantern Solar
- Windham County Humane Society – renewal of contract as pound keeper

## Pay Orders

### Payroll

- Mr. Jones moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2020-46, dated June 10, 2020, in the amount of \$1,196.53.  
Second by Ms. Brimmer. **Motion Passes, with one abstaining.**

### Accounts Payable

- Mr. Jones moved to approve Accounts Payable #2020-51, dated June 17, 2020, in the amount of \$230,141.62.  
Second by Ms. Tanza. **All in Favor.**

## Set agenda for the next meeting – Wednesday July 1, 2020

- Road projects continued
- Paving/Grinding RFPs
- Covid-19 Survey Responses
- SLP update

## Adjournment

Mr. Jones moved to Adjourn. Second by Mr. Mello. All in Favor.  
The meeting was Adjourned at 8:08PM.

*Respectfully submitted, David Jones, Recorder, June 28, 2020*