

Select Board Meeting Minutes- July 15, 2020

Present:

Selectwoman: Jennifer Locke

Selectman: Harry McGovern

Selectwoman: Denise Cartwright

Gayle Clement, Richard Guinta, Jason Cartwright, and Cecily Yarosh

The meeting was called to order by Jenn live and virtually by Zoom at 7:09 PM. Roll call was taken.

Mr. Guinta was invited to speak. He stated he wanted to report some issues that have been occurring around Hawthorne Rd. In February he hired Steve Santy to cut some large trees on his property off the class six Hawthorne Rd. Shortly after starting, the weather turned warm, softening the ground so Mr. Santy parked his large equipment at the end of the road. Someone on an ATV came to Mr. Guinta's property and demanded that the equipment be moved. Mr. Guinta felt the discussion got heated, so he called the state police. The person on the ATV turned out to be Mr. Guinta's neighbor and the use of the road has become a source of contention between them. Mr. Guinta stated the police told him and his neighbor that driving an ATV on a class six road is illegal. Mr. Guinta also stated he wrote a letter to his neighbor to try and soothe the situation but got no response.

Since then, Mr. Santy put some water bars on the road to help with drainage while he finishes the job at Mr. Guinta's house. Mr. Guinta reported his neighbor continues to drive his ATV up the road. On July 6th, Mr. Guinta heard large machinery working on the road and later discovered that his neighbor had removed the water bars and had filled in some low areas on the road. He is unsure what to do at this point and is concerned about water washing out the road as well as damaging adjoining roads.

Jenn stated that the board will have to contact the neighbor because no one is allowed to alter roads without select board approval. He will have to return the road to the way it was before. There was a discussion about the legality of driving his ATV on the road. Gayle mentioned that she believes the vehicle is registered and therefore allowed on the road. She will check with the DMV for the board to check on if it is allowed.

Mr. Guinta wondered if it would be possible to post a sign. Jenn replied that she can talk to the road agent about it, but it might be cost prohibitive to post all class six roads in town.

Ms. Yarosh came in to discuss work at the Blue School and possibly having assistance from the road agent, Andy. Jenn asked her if Robyn had called after last week's meeting because the board discussed the prospect and decided the project did not seem simple and it would take up too much of Andy's time. Ms. Yarosh did not know. Mr. Cartwright stated that he and Mark Gustafson looked at the site today and were willing to help on the prep work for the pavers. He went over what was needed and added that if Andy could help, it should only take an hour or two. He added that the project would be happening in the next two weeks. Harry stated he would discuss the issue with Andy and let him know that the board is ok with him helping if it doesn't interfere with other work and is not a large time commitment.

Mr. Cartwright brought in forms for Robyn concerning the Emergency Worker Stipend. Jenn thanked him for coming and asked him about the fire warden renewal. She added that she felt that the warden should be the Fire Chief or an officer, but definitely at least a member of the fire

department. Mr. Cartwright stated the current warden is not on the department, but his deputies are. Jenn clarified that the fire warden is in command at any fire that does not include a structure and therefore could cause difficulties if not a part of the department.

Mr. Cartwright suggested that the board look into how surrounding towns choose their wardens. He is in favor of being consistent with other towns in the area. Jenn asked if it is determined to be an officer, does Mr. Cartwright have any issue with the duties of being the fire warden, and he replied he did not. He also added that he did not have a problem with the current warden being a deputy. Denise will call Lisbon and Bath to see how they select their fire warden. The issue was tabled until more information can be collected.

Mr. Cartwright added that Old Home Day has been cancelled due to Covid 19 and he is looking for more ideas besides an auction moving forward.

Checks were signed. A letter was sent to Country Comfort for an update on filing for an extension with the planning board and the site plan requested.

Robyn had provided information about a new mailbox from Lowes, but the board needs to check with Andy to see if it is what is currently there. The revised minutes from the July 1st meeting were reviewed and signed. The minutes from the July 8th meeting were read and corrected.

Harry shared that he went out and looked at Hawthorne Rd. before and after the big rain earlier this week, and there was minimal damage. He added that two large trees have fallen across the road due to the storm. The board decided to send a letter to Andrew Putnam to let him know that he cannot alter town roads and that he must return the road to its prior condition, including the water bars. The board discussed specifics for the water bars and Jenn looked up guidelines from the DOT again. Mr. Putnam will be asked to put the water bars where Mr. Santy had them for water run off above the log landing. The bar should be 18 inches from the bottom of the channel to the top of the berm, allowing for vehicle passage.

Harry reported that he worked on generator bids. He confirmed with Royal Electric that the unit would be 30 KW, not 25. He also asked them to redo their bid without the tank or piping for comparison to the other bid. He has someone from Dead River coming out on Tuesday to discuss tanks. Last, he called Jared Mardin to locate the septic.

Jenn discussed temporary driveways and permits for those. All driveway permits are supposed to be the responsibility of the Planning Board and they are supposed to oversee them, as well. She referenced RSA section 236:13. She added that the matter needs to be cleared up with the Planning Board soon.

The report from the Planning Board meeting and any discussion about the Dalton landfill letters will occur next week.

Closed session was not needed.

Denise made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 and Harry seconded it. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Cartwright

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The foregoing minutes were approved on July 29, 2020, by the following members of the Select Board:

Jennifer L. Locke

Harry McGovern

Denise Cartwright.