

Select Board Meeting

July 16, 2020

7:00pm

Athens Town Office

Present were James Trimble, David Bemis, Denise Randall, Darlene Wyman, Matt Perry, Janet Perry, Dan Taylor, Tina White, Donna Currier, April Lyman, Steve Oakes, Amy Aldrich, Bonnie Hitchcock and Dennis Mirante.

David called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Adjustments to the Agenda: David made the motion to add Taylor Hill to the agenda, Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Minutes of the prior meeting: David made the motion to accept the minutes of the prior meeting. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Public comments: Darlene wished to thank Don Capponcelli for fixing the bulletin board and Sandi Capponcelli for cleaning the office. Darlene also apologized for the misunderstanding of getting the notices out for the Taylor Hill hearing. Dan asked whether the minutes of the June meeting reflected the serving of the documents for the appeal for Taylor Hill. The minutes were looked at and found.

Taylor Hill: After some discussion, David made the motion to change the hearing for Taylor Hill to Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 5:30pm at the Town garage for a site visit then recess to the Athens Elementary school for the hearing. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Boards and Officials: Steve stated he checked about the burning of trash at Bruce Tenney Sr. trailer park. There was no trash being burnt and they were cleaning up the property for the bringing in of a new trailer. Darlene will check into the purchase of a recorder and pencil sharpener. Darlene questioned the invoice for Furgeson Waterworks. David stated the town was responsible for damages done to the dry hydrant. A check will be cut on Monday to pay this invoice.

The mail was reviewed. A question about composting food scraps was considered. David stated it is required by the trash removal to pick up food scraps if they are put out separately. Meat scraps cannot be composted. They may go in the trash. David made the motion to sign the weight permit. Jim seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. David made the motion to sign the US Census Bureau Documentation of Charges-Minor Civil Divisions. Jim seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Roads: Matt stated the winter sand should be put out to bid to be opened at the next Select board meeting. The culverts on Route 35 are done. The paving is scheduled to be done the week of July 20th. Matt checked into renting excavators for ditching Valley Cemetery Road. Nortrax is \$3,800 per month, Pinnacle View is \$1,300 per week, and Brown Enterprises is \$1,600 per week. The grant from Grants and Aids will be used to do the project. David made the motion to rent the excavator from Pinnacle View and if it is not available to discuss an alternative without holding a special meeting. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Executive Session: At 7:57 David made the motion to move into executive session to discuss a legal and personnel matter where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the town of Athens at a substantial disadvantage. Steve and Matt were asked to stay. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. At 8:30 David made the motion to move out of executive session. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. No decisions were made in executive session.

Steve and David will check out the burning of trash near the beaver pond.

The attorney will be consulted concerning Taylor Hill.

Public comment on the agenda: Dennis was concerned about the matter of Taylor Hill. He asked the Board to take their time and do things right.

There being no further business, David made the motion to adjourn. Denise seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wyman, Town Clerk