

Select Board Meeting

May 21, 2020

7:00pm

Conducted Virtually

Present were James Trimble, David Bemis, Denise Randall, Darlene Wyman, Hannah Regier, Matt Perry, Fact TV, Janet Perry, Dan Taylor, Tim Stevenson, Sherry Maher, Sandi Capponcelli, Tina White, Donna Currier, April Lyman and Krista Gay.

David called the meeting to order at 7:005pm

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

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

Public comments: Sherry asked whether the board meetings were going to continue to be done virtually. David stated the board will take their que from the state, but hopefully will be able to have the meeting in June at the Town office.

Boards and Officials: Sherry stated the Meetinghouse committee will be holding a plant sale on Saturday, May 30th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The sale will be held outdoors and masks and social distancing are requested. The Meetinghouse will be open for viewing, but tours will not be conducted. The quilt show and craft fair has been canceled. The Meetinghouse committee is looking into hosting some concerts. The committee are still contemplating holding the annual BBQ in September. Sherry reported Don Capponcelli is working on the information needed to take to the fabricators to have the hardware done for the trusses. The Meetinghouse Committee has the go ahead from the Division for Historic Preservation from the State on the roof truss plans. Don will be putting together the permit work and starting to talk with the fabricators to get the hardware set, then they will start to talk to contractors to do the work on the trusses. David asked about an estimate as to the cost of the project. Sherry stated they did not have an estimate at this time. David made the motion to proceed with the fabrication and getting the permits for the job and come back at the next meeting with the costs from the contractors. Denise seconded. If this is already completed before the next meeting David stated a special select board meeting could be held. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Sherry stated the Meetinghouse committee is going ahead with the grant for the Historic marker. It was decided to put the marker next to the bulletin board. Sherry asked about signs approaching the Meetinghouse from either direction on Route 35 that would say Historic site marker ahead. David stated a permit may be needed. It was suggested Sherry start with the Secretary of State to see if a permit is needed. Sherry will also check with the

Historic Preservation Division. The committee is hoping to pursue the opening up of the triangle and needs to get back with the property owner to see about clearing this out. Sherry also would like to thank Jean Anderson and Terry for cleaning up the wooden boxes that were on the corner of the road. Sandi stated the grievance meetings were going to be held on June 2, 2020. Don has ordered flags for the Cemetery Commission and they will be placing them on the appropriate stones this weekend. Janet asked if anything from Dead River was received concerning pre-buy prices for heating oil and diesel fuel. The budget committee will check with different companies for prices. Janet also asked about holding the next meeting at the Town office. David stated it would probably be okay but it should also be set up so it could be done virtually. Hannah said she could set this up.

2020 Budget: Communities are concerned whether the monies will come in through taxes and we may not receive the funds from the state aid for highways. The Board may want to direct the Budget committee to look into areas where spending could be put on hold until next year. The money that has been voted for a special fund cannot be used without a vote of the Town. A special Town meeting could be held or at the regular Town meeting for a deficit, if the Town should have one. Denise was concerned about the rebates the state offers. Matt will meet with the budget committee to discuss areas where highway expenses could be put on hold. The school budget was discussed. Darlene stated the school's annual meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2020 and the voting will be done by Australian ballot. Hannah asked about the monies set aside for the bathroom at the town garage.

Taylor Hill: Danny stated since the board sent out the letter it sets a time line of doing things for the court. Danny has appealed the letter but has not sent out the summons yet. He would like to hear from the board as to what the problem is with Taylor Hill becoming a town road. Danny stated he got the minutes about Walker Road, but hasn't seen any minutes about the hearing. He stated it looked like the selectmen issued the taking over of Walker Road. He would like to know who paid to repair Walker Road. David stated that at the time, 2006, it was a class four road. At the time if there were bridges or culverts on a class four road that washed out the town was responsible for repairing culverts and bridges. There were a number of culverts on the hill that were washed out or sticking up in the air. The Town paid to have that repaired because to get to the culverts you had to repair the roadway. The state said that if the Town made that section a class three road, then the state would contribute 90% of the repair cost of what the Town had expended. It was made a Town road and the state paid the 90% the Town had expended. Danny would still like to see what the problem is about Taylor Hill becoming a town road and why they aren't getting any answers and may have to take it to court. David stated that if there is an appeal pending and he had not talked to the town attorney he felt it was not wise for the select board to make comments on this at this meeting without talking to an attorney. Denise stated she would like to consult with the attorney then have a special select board meeting to discuss it. Jim asked how the expenses for Taylor Hill were kept track of. Danny stated everyone on Taylor Hill paid into a road fund. Denise made the motion to consult the attorney and call a special meeting to discuss Taylor Hill after

speaking with the attorney prior to the next board meeting. David seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Sherry was concerned that at the special meeting, the matter would be discussed in executive session. Tim why the issue be submitted to a special Town meeting and let the citizens vote on the matter. David stated statutes state the select board has the responsibility to make the decision. Sherry asked what the objection was to what Taylor Hill is asking for. David stated a copy of the decision is at the Town office if anyone would like to see it. Danny stated that even if the lawyer says no, the selectmen have the authority to say these are taxpayers in our town and yes, we: will take over the road. Krista had a copy of the decision and read the conclusion that was written at the bottom of the letter. Krista asked if the reason that it was denied was because they didn't know what the expense would be. David stated that was a reason it was denied. Krista asked for clarification. David stated would not try to add or clarify this at this point in time and stated the attorney had assisted them in making the decision.

Warrants and mail: David made the motion to approve the warrants as presented. Jim seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Roads: Matt stated he received a call from Windham Regional and they have the road inventory erosion done and they are sending maps to the Town office. Darlene stated they are already at the office. Matt has a meeting with Lisa on Tuesday to go over the crucial sections that have to be done fairly soon and see what they call for action on these sections. All the equipment is doing good. David asked about the over the road mower. Matt stated it is scheduled for the week of August 10. Matt is holding off on guard rails, crack sealing and other projects until after the board meets in June.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

There being no further business, David made the motion to adjourn. Denise seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wyman, Town Clerk