

Athens Special Selectboard Meeting
July 14, 2022
Immediately following the 6:00pm BOA Meeting
at the Athens Town Office

In attendance: Sandi Capponcelli, Amber Stevens, Darlene Wyman, Carol Bingham, Kate Bova, Hannah Regier, Harold Noyes, Janet Perry, Denise Randall, David Bemis

Called to order at 6:17

Adjustments to the Agenda

Janet asks for an adjustment for David to sign the BART oil contract.
Sandi asks for an adjustment for David to sign two grant applications.

Denise makes a motion to add these two items to the agenda. David seconds. Put to a vote: All in favor.

Public Comments

None.

Set Municipal Property Tax Rate

Hannah presents the tax rate of 1.04. It is down from last year's municipal tax rate of 1.14. The education tax rates from the state are 1.6279 for homestead and 1.5880 for non-homestead.

David makes a motion to set the municipal tax rate at 1.04. Harold seconded. Put to a vote: all in favor.

Bart Oil contract

David signs the contract which includes both diesel and heating oil for all buildings at the rates discussed in the previous meeting. Janet will let Hannah know when BART will start service so Hannah can cancel with Dead River.

Road Grants

One grant is for \$20,000 for Hedgehog Gulf and one is for \$200,000 for the culvert by Steve Oakes. The town is also up for another grant of \$12,500 from municipal mitigation grants. They have received the town's letter of intent.

Sandi makes a motion to sign the grants. Harold seconds. Put to a vote: all in favor.

Other Business / Adjourn

Hannah states that there is new town office email: townoffice@athensvt.gov

All Access Infotech will be working with the listers and Matt to get .gov emails for them as well.

Hannah states there is a need for a new private road off of Route 35 at the current #s 270 - 274. Because there are more than three houses sharing a driveway, the state E911 board requires it to be named as a private road and the numbers change. The landowners have chosen "Shady Ridge Road" for the name. Hannah wants to check if the town will buy the road sign. Yes, the town buys the sign, but David thinks it should be "Drive" instead of "Road." That's what the town has used when they have named other private roads in town. Sandy will look into requirements for a private road name and report back at the next selectboard meeting.

Hannah followed up on the Dead River diesel contract / billing issue and they did have the correct contract, but had double charged for a delivery. They have fixed that error and we will get a credit on our next invoice from them.

David makes a motion to adjourn. Sandi seconds. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Regier, Town Clerk