

Minutes of June 20th, 2017 Selectboard Meeting

Laurie Colgan called the meeting to order @ 6:03 PM

Changes or additions to the agenda: None.

In attendance: Mia Roethlein, Dan Tetreault, Road Forman; Guthrie, Road Crew; Energy Committee Members: Michael Horowitz, Nick Seifert; Selectboard members: Laurie Colgan, Andy Perchlik

Minutes:

1. Mia Roethlein reported that Mr. Leibold cows keep getting out onto Rt. 2 in front of her house. Mr. Leibold doesn't react to her concerns about the cows being out. Mia explained that many cars have stopped at her house worried and/or furious about the danger of having cows roaming the shoulders of Rt. 2. There was a brief discussion of the problem and past issues with Mr. Leibold's inability to keep his cows properly fenced in. Laurie suggested the Selectboard send a letter to Leibold, to the town fence viewers, and to the Agency of Ag.
2. The Selectboard discussed a report by the Town Dog Officer regarding a visit she made to Elizabeth Green's home where she is keeping 6 beagles. The Selectboard suggested the town send Elizabeth Green a letter reminding her to license and vaccinate her six dogs.
3. The Housing Foundation sent information concerning the grant to rebuild the Hollister Hill Apartments and suggested the Town's attorney look them over. There was a discussion on whether the town should find a new attorney for such tasks. The issue was tabled until the Selectboard could talk with the town clerk regarding the issue.
4. The Selectboard confirmed that Jim Barlow's free training regarding VT's open meeting law 5 to 6:00 PM on August 1st.
5. Mike Horowitz and Nick Seifert requested the Selectboard approval to create a subcommittee to update the Town's Energy Plan as part of a process to receive state certification of the town energy plan per Act 174 in order to obtain "substantial deference" in front of the Public Service Board on any renewable energy generation projects applying for certificate for public good in Marshfield..
 - a. Energy Committee subcommittee would re-write the town energy plan and then ensure that the energy plan is line with the regional energy plan.
 - b. The Selectboard expressed support and gratitude for their effort and just wanted to make sure they were working with the Planning Commission and had proper public input on the plan.
6. The Select Board reviewed the Washington County Sheriff's annual contract. The Selectboard was willing to sign but wanted the contract to include a do not exceed amount to contract, if there wasn't one.
7. The Select Board reviewed the charge/penalty for late-filed homestead declarations and agreed to keep the fee at 5% for the next year.
8. Dan explained the need to act on the loan for the new Truck. The Selectboard approved the loan. Laurie signed the loan for \$75,000 at 2% for a 5 year term.

9. Road Crew:

- a. Dan and the Selectboard discussed a State grant opportunity through the regional planning commission. The group was supportive of applying for the grant but was unable to determine which of Marshfield's roads were hydrologically connected and thus eligible for the grant and it was determined that there was not enough information so the matter was tabled until more information could be gathered.
- b. Explained that he would like to use the road crew to haul sand. The road crew had figured that even paying them overtime it is cheaper than the current contractor's rate. The Selectboard was OK with the road crew hauling sand on Mondays as it would save money.
- c. Guthrie wanted to discuss the town's overtime policy, specifically if vacation or comp. time can be counted towards hours worked. Current policy is to count sick days or holidays towards hours worked but not vacation days or days taken off with comp. time. Guthrie and Dan thought this was not fair. There was a discussion on the issue with Andy and Laurie thinking that the current policy could be changed to allow vacation and comp. time to be counted as time worked.

10. The meeting was adjourned @ **7:15** in order for the Selectboard to go help count votes in the special school district consolidation vote.

Submitted by Andrew Perchlik

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Selectboard Meeting.

Attest, _____, Town Clerk
