

MINUTES- SELECTBOARD - April 27 2017

Attendance: John Ogden, Tom Dibble, Treasurer Andrea Ogden,

1. 6:06pm
2. Minutes Approved
3. Chuck Sweetman gave a brief update on the lister activities. The state recently audited our files relative to current use and a law that was passed in 2015 regarding valuation of excluded acres. The law states that excluded acres are valued by the town as stand alone areas, rather than as a part of a total parcel. We had not yet made that change to our property valuations for the Current Use properties. A handful of properties were affected and those property owners will be notified in June when the change of appraisal notices are mailed.

3. The pothole at the intersection of Ridge Road and Route 11 was discussed. Steve has researched whether this is our problem or the state's problem, It looks as if it will be ours to repair. The federally funded paving of state highways includes approximately 70' of apron, where as state funded projects only cover 2' of the apron. Steve will be including this in the bridge repaving quotes.

The washed out section of Ridge Road has been repaired.

5. Town truck has been approved for repair.

7. Tax Sale of 25 Landgrove Hollow Road. The deadline for payment was April 22. Andrea will contact Kevin O'Toole to check on next steps.

8. Road Signs - John will do a complete sign inventory and discuss with Hal.

9. Various options for Jay's summer employment were discussed. It was agreed that more input was needed from Jay in terms of what he is looking for in his request for a summer contract. Tom will contact Jay and discuss further. Also, the Select Board has instructed Andrea to reach out to each of our vendors, including Jay, to get an updated certificate of liability.

10. Tom and Greg visited the site on Nichols Road that is currently owned by the Forest Service. They both felt very encouraged about this location. There is reason to believe that the Forest Service may be interested in trading land, given that this is an isolated pocket of land. It was agreed that next steps include having Kurt and Jay review the site. John will coordinate a meeting with Kurt, Jay, Steve and the Select Board at the site.

11. Speed hump - Greg will instruct Jay to install.

NEW Business

12. Voted to approve Rob Badger's request for \$25 to purchase a new flag for the War Memorial in the Village.

13. Andrea explained the Town had received notice of \$15,192.21 and \$7 were being held for the town at the Unclaimed Property Division of the State of VT. The \$7 is vendor checks and Andrea will proceed to claim that money. The larger sum is related to a property tax payment made by a mortgage company in 2012. The property taxes for that property in that year were paid by the property owner, so this amount is not owed to the town. The Select Board directed Andrea to advise both the property owner and the state that we would not be claiming this amount.

14. Tom will review the status of the cupola on the town Hall. It was agreed that he would get it repainted.

15. The Septic system problem on Landgrove Hollow Road continues to be a significant problem and appears to have perhaps failed completely. John will discuss this with Cameron, our Health Officer and ask him to pursue next steps.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm