

Vershire Selectboard minutes for 6/9/2020 via Zoom - Approved

Attendance: Vernal Stone-chair, Marc McKee, Sarah Thrasher, Alan Lyford-HW Foreman, Gene Craft-Admin Asst., Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y, Steve Atwood-HO, Mike and Tonya Gunn, Ken Bushey

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. Highway Foreman report: Lyford stated that the crew has been grading Durgin Hill and Rowell Roads, and will do North Rd and Taylor Valley tomorrow. He plans on doing some ditching on Thursday. Truck 3# had some recent AC repairs. The backhoe boom had piston failure and is with Nortrax for the repairs. Lyford suggested that a small excavator be rented for about a month to enable the crew to have the recommended round bottoms in the ditches. He noted that M. Fogarty has been assisting with the road projects. Lyford stated that VT Department of Trans District #4 hasn't determined what paving grants might be available due to this year's annual funding concerns.

Ken Bushy came to report on his interaction with M&W soils for the VCR highway garage site. The engineer was going to Corinth tomorrow to test at the Fire Department site and offered to visit the Vershire location at 10am Wednesday the 10th. Bushey, Thrasher, Lyford, McKee and Craft will plan to be present to meet him and discuss the project and fees. The "buffer area" at the site was also reviewed. Craft suggested that the Board and Lyford finalize the placement of the structure, get that information on an engineering drawing and then submit that information to ANR for review, discussing any impact fees thereafter if applicable. Bushey explained test pits vs test holes/borings and their associated costs. Everyone present agreed that a soil compaction study was an essential part of the building process.

Atwood came in to update the Board about his interaction with the Parker Rd property owners and he is trying to structuring a plan to assist them with cleaning up the trash at the site. Atwood has impressed upon the owner that it is their responsibility to correct the trash situation and once corrected it must continue to stay cleared. Thrasher made a motion for the Town to provide a repayment loan to the land owner in an amount not to exceed \$300 to aid in the removal of garbage when the Health Officer deems it a health risk. McKee seconded and all were in favor.

Atwood discussed a proposal he sent to the State about testing clinics for people over 65 for Covid-19. He was told that state resources are limited. Atwood noted

that there are test centers in Barre and Lebanon. McKee added that he has spoken to Jack Kruse, VF&R EMT, about the possibility of offering testing here in town.

Mike Gunn came to discuss food waste recycling and the state required composting. He displayed a household compost container and added that Thetford had recently acquired a grant to purchase these type containers and that a local resident then retrieves the collected compost weekly. Gunn suggested that we obtain a number of larger containers to dump the individual buckets into. The concern was who would collect and how they would get the heavy containers into their vehicle to remove them. They would be returned when emptied. Gunn will research costs.

Stone asked about area bear concerns. Thrasher stated her dismay about a recent shooting and volunteered to write an article for the upcoming newsletter on "bear awareness."

Tonya Gunn wanted to discuss getting a larger more efficient refrigerator for the town center building to assist with the weekly Friday food shelf offerings. All thought it a good idea and get rid of the two old refrigerators. (WEC offers incentive funds for energy efficient appliances). Gunn will research.

Discussion followed about the road damage/land impact on the Lewis property on Mero Road. Stone asked if ANR had visited. Craft had been told that state employees are working from home and haven't had the manpower to research. McKee offered to contact VT State Rep. Demrow and have a wetlands violation order perhaps filed to bring their attention to the situation.

McKee stated that P. Barnes has offered to maintain the field at the VCR site.

Minutes for 5/12 and 5/21 were approved as amended. The orders will be reviewed and signed when the Board members can go in to the Town office individually tomorrow. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.