

Vershire Selectboard Minutes for 7/7/20 Approved

In attendance: Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Sarah Thrasher, Gene Craft-Admin, Asst., Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y, Mike Gunn-Recycle Coordinator.

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order (on Zoom) at 7:07pm.

Road report: Lyford stated that the crew has been hauling sand and ditching this week. Having an extra key to the gate made for Bob Sandberg to pick up and drop off food wastes bin was discussed. Sande offered to make an extra set. Stone asked about the bins for food waste. Gunn got a few donated to the town from a local resident and has distributed them. He is also getting 36 gallon bins with a snap on lids to collect the food waste in and for the Sandberg to retrieve. Sandberg will collect the food waste weekly—it will be stored in the warming shed. Lyford suggested that Sandberg should be asked to come at noon on Saturdays to collect it as needed. Thrasher agreed that the food waste should not be allowed to remain in the warming hut long as it might begin to attract wildlife/bears and that the pick-up time should be confirmed. Installing a fitting on the end of the frost free water pipe was discussed as we may need it to access water to rinse the containers. Stone offered to pick up a ¼ turn valve for this purpose.

Lyford stated that he has completed the majority of the mowing on the road sides, some additional ditching, and that, weather permitting, the road crew will hydro-seed the disturbed ditching areas. He added that some of the areas close to the brook/streams will need stone. Stone asked where the ditching materials will be stored for future use and suggested that VCR location may be suitable.

Discussion followed about putting out to bid the removal/relocation of the log cabin at 815 VCR. Time frame for the advertisement and removal of the structure were reviewed. Stone added that heat should be added to the existing garage.

Report from M&W Soil Exploration: Randy expressed that the site looks good after his last Thursday on site visit and will be submitting formal findings in a report shortly.

Beaver professionals from the state will come on Wed at 9am. Thrasher agreed to meet him at the town office and then go to the two sites in question for review. (Beaver Meadow & Eagle Hollow Rd)

Craft noted that the town has filed a claim for the guardrail damage on Goose Green Rd caused by a vehicle collision at the end of March, this year. Lyford stated that the guardrail company would be in the vicinity next week. Craft will confirm the time frame of the claim.

Stone asked about the status of the recent Mero Road concerns. Craft noted that a letter from Town Counsel had been mailed to the property owner. Stone asked if Vermont ANR had replied to the town's concerns. Craft stated that he had no response. The Board reviewed the proposed letter from the town counsel and agreed with the cease and desist order until the state (ANR) determines the remedy. McKee agreed to reach out and contact the ANR this week.

Craft reported that the town computers has made the switch over and is now utilizing NEMRC Cloud service.

Old Business: Parker Rd/Sleath property- No additional information from the town health officer at this time. Lyford noted that he sees one of the occupants traversing their homestead road frequently. The Board acknowledged that they had set a time frame of May 31st for garbage clean-up at the site. McKee will call HO Atwood for a follow-up. Craft also stated that he could contact Atwood and the property owner's employer that had offered assistance to resolve the garbage issues.

Stone moved to approve the minutes from 6/23. Minutes were approved as amended.

The Board went into executive session at 7:49pm, and returned at 8:28 pm. With a decision that a letter be drafted and sent to a local land owner instructing them, if they felt a need to express certain opinions on road work issues, these opinions/concerns should be directed to the Selectboard and/or the Road Commissioner, not the individual members of the highway crew. It was also noted that the complainant was invited to attend tonight's meeting, but did not join in.

The orders (previously emailed) were approved and will be signed by the members of the Board stopping into the town office individually. Stone proposed that the Board meet with masks, distanced properly, when they review and determine the municipal tax rate in August. Craft noted that they may need to discuss a 30 day grace period for payments on taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.