

Vershire Selectboard Minutes for 7/21/20, Approved

In attendance: Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Sarah Thrasher, Alan Lyford, Gene Craft, Debra Kingsbury Guests; Alan LaFlamme, Steve Atwood at 7:54pm

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:08pm (via zoom). Stone asked LaFlamme why he was joining the meeting tonight. LaFlamme replied that he wanted to check in with the Board to let them know he was back in town and wanted to know if the Board was happy with his progress. Thrasher stated that she appreciated his ongoing efforts at his business location. LaFlamme stated that Bill Ross was coming on 8/1 to start crushing vehicles and that he was allowed 5 tires per vehicle to be removed as well. There will be a crusher, a loader, and two people to manage the project. Thrasher asked that LaFlamme place cones out in the road to warn traffic. Stone suggested "trucks entering" signs from each direction. Craft added that LaFlamme should check with VT DOT to make sure he can post the warning signs. Stone suggested that LaFlamme check with the Highway foreman in Chelsea. Lyford stated that he would contact the Chelsea Foreman. LaFlamme will follow up with the Board after the crushing is completed. Stone asked how many vehicles he was planning on crushing. LaFlamme replied 250-400. LaFlamme thanked the Board for its continued support and stated he will continue to clean up the site.

Highway Foreman report: Lyford stated that the crew replaced the culverts on Brown Road. Mero Rd had a small washout this morning that they would correct. As to the Mero Rd situation at the Lewis site, the State will oversee the stream crossing corrections. Lyford stated that Mr. Lewis seems to only be in town on weekends and that Patrick Ross from the State doesn't work on weekends, so that could be a complication. Craft stated that Ross will need to see a "schedule"/plan from Mr. Lewis, and noted that ANR could put fines and restrictions in place. As for the remaining road section, Thrasher offered to contact a local excavator and ask for a report and gravel needs to remedy the situation and then Lyford can interact with Patrick Ross and determine the town requirements.

Lyford stated that crew member Fogarty wanted to attend the River Bend adult course for heavy equipment operations. Craft will review the budget and itemize the cost under training/workshop. Thrasher stated that the State offers road scholar programs/continued education for jobs and might offer tuition funds. Stone stated he felt the training was a good idea. Lyford noted that VT local roads

program also offers a day for grader training, too. The Board was in support of the training for Fogarty and authorized that he be enrolled.

Discussion followed as to where to relocate the shed at the recycling site. McKee suggested at the end of the field. The shed at the Town Center Building was discussed as needing repairs, and Craft stated that the Board might consider giving VerShare permission to lock it. He added that the tents in the shed will be loaned to The Mountain School for their fall classes. It was agreed that the roof needs new metal and Craft will contact a local contractor to see if he can do the repairs. Stone made the motion to move the shed to the corner of the ball field, place on blocks, and have the roof repaired. McKee seconded and all were in favor.

Stone stated that an ash tree on Brown Rd needed removal.

Property owner on Mclver interacted with Lyford about running power underground/under the road to his outbuilding. WEC will require conduit and Lyford noted there might be a suitable area to cross the road for the install.

Tyler Brown, the VT State beaver professional, came out to Beaver Meadow Rd and Eagle Hollow Road. The property owner of Eagle Hollow wants to have her own professional that she's worked with, correct the flooded area/beaver invasion on her land. Lyford and the crew have measured the area in question on Eagle Hollow and it will require 515 feet of rip-rap stone between the pond and the road. It was also noted that the spillway /beaver grate at White House Pond on the Goose Green Road was packed with mud by the fire hydrant and needed attention.

Stone asked Atwood, the Vershire Health Officer, for his update: Atwood went up to the Sleath property on Parker Rd and found that junk is being piled into the camper in the front yard and that there are bags of rubbish all over the place. The property owners always seem to have an excuse why they can't accomplish the required clean-up. Atwood stated that he felt this week needs to be the final deadline date and that the trash must be removed. McKee asked if the property could be condemned. Atwood stated that he will review the correct process to issue the violation notice, and document. Discussion followed that if the property owner got help to remove the trash with a friend's truck, the load should be taken directly to the Lebanon landfill, as that much trash would overload the Durgin

site. The Board discussed how to assist with incurring fees to the person offering to use his truck to transport the trash.

Atwood and the Board discussed the need for everyone in the State to keep up wearing masks, distancing etc. We can't let our guard down.

The Board went into the Executive session at 8:26pm and returned at 8:46pm. The decision was to adjourn to a date certain, July 27, 2020, at 7PM at the Town Center Building, to continue discussion on a personnel matter.

Letter from Atty. Tarrant to Taylor Valley Rd property owner was reviewed.

Minutes for July 7th were approved as amended. Orders will be approved and signed when the Board members can go into the town office individually.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.