

Vershire Selectboard Minutes for 8/5/20 Approved  
(8/4/20 meeting postponed due to power outage)

In attendance: Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Gene Craft-Admin Asst, Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y, Alan Lyford -HW Foreman, Mike Gunn-Recycle Coord. "Zoom meeting"/recorded

Called to order at 7:00pm. Highway foreman report: Lyford reported that the beaver baffle on Beaver Meadow road appears to be working. He has been doing branch removal since yesterday's storm. Beaver issue on Eagle hollow Rd has yet to be resolved. P. Ross from the State suggested that the landowner could be taken to court and the court will normally side with the town for safety reasons and force corrective action to be taken. Lyford is concerned that the culvert under the road is being compromised and the road might cave in. Craft will send the landowner another email. Stone suggested that a letter be send from town counsel ASAP. McKee agreed. It was also agreed that sending the written notification letter would verify that the town served notice on the landowner to correct the safety hazard.

The lack of response/demand for the clean up to be done at the Sleath/Wilmot property on Parker Road continues to be a health issue. McKee and Lyford have seen the sight and the neighbors are also complaining with due cause. The town will need to take action and pass along costs to the landowner.

Mero Road- Mr. Lewis called the town to inform them that he had moved the wood in the area requested and had placed a culvert across the road. Lyford went by to view what had been done and saw that the newly\y installed culvert was simply installed using dirt/mud and not stone. Lyford will re-evaluate after things dry from the recent rains. He added that the culvert will need to be done to proper standards and didn't feel the landowner was aware of those specs and proper installation. Stone agreed that Pat Ross should be notified that Lyford is not satisfied with the repairs there. Lyford asked Stone to look at the job before contacting Ross. Craft added that state standards must be followed. Craft suggested that the Board and Lyford meet with Mr. Lewis and give him a copy of the road standards. They should inform him that ANR fines will apply as well. Stone noted that the town might assist with some gravel/stone, but it wasn't the town's problem to correct the damage the landowner created. He added that we need to have an actual plan to correct the impacted Mero section.

Lyford will reach out to both Ross and Mr. Lewis and figure out the next step as the culvert repair that was done by Lewis is not appropriate.

Lyford reported that the mower needs some work and that Truck #2 needs to go to McLeod's for an alignment next week. The crew is continuing to ditch Miller Pond Rd and graded Parker and Chamberlain. Lyford added that they've already hauled 2/3 of the sand for winter use.

Gunn reported that he and French-Stockwell need to remain vigilant about informing people that recycle items must be rinsed out/cleaned. French-Stockwell will make some additional signs to inform. The Board went into executive session at 7:47pm and returned at 7:58pm with a decision to contact the person that had been upset at the recycle center last Saturday.

Advertising the log cabin at 815 VCR was discussed and the guidelines for accepting bids for its sale/removal. The garage will remain for the time being as both the highway and the ACO are utilizing.

The Board went back into executive session at 8:09 (personnel item) and returned at 8:23 with no decision.

The shed behind the Town Center Building was discussed. Do we repair it, replace it, or host a community repair? Stone asked about the size and configuration to hold needed stored items as well as wood for the bake oven. General opinion was for 10' x 16' size.

Tonya Gunn has suggested that the password to access Wi-Fi at the Town Center Building parking lot be removed to allow more residents to access the internet. Craft will contact ECFiber about removing the password.

Minutes for 7/21/20 were approved as amended. Orders will be reviewed and signed when the Board members can go into the Town Office individually.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm