

## Vershire Selectboard minutes for 8/18/20 APPROVED

In attendance (via Zoom): Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Sarah Thrasher, Gene Craft-Admin. Asst, Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y guest: Pat Barnes

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Stone asked Barnes to discuss the shed for the town center building. Barnes stated that The Mountain School has the tools and skills to build a timber frame structure and might be willing to do so with their staff and students over the next year. The components would be made at the School and then assembled at the town center building site. Barnes felt this could be accomplished as a weekend morning workshop for the students after the Covid-19 situation passes. Everyone agreed that something 16x10 or 16x12 seemed appropriate. Stone stated that the Board felt that wood for the outdoor oven along with other storage needs be able to be secured. Discussion followed as to where to place the shed and have the water shed towards the river. McKee asked if a covered chain link area be provided for the oven wood. Craft offered some chain link materials he had. Barnes suggested that David Hooke might assist with the design as he has a schematic program for his business. The Board expressed their support to do a unified shed project with the school. Barnes stated that he could be the liaison with the town and the school. He added that the Covid-19 testing is ongoing and everyone at the school is doing well.

On another note: Barnes shared that Thrasher had recently assisted at an accident scene and more than likely saved the young man's life, while waiting for his transport to DHMC.

Craft stated that he had no reply yet from ECFiber in reference to revising the Wi-Fi access at the Town Center Building.

Advertisement details were discussed about the log home at 815 VCR.

Craft stated that he drafted and sent for review to HO Atwood, an agreement for clean-up between the owners of a Parker Rd residence and the town.

Stone stated that the highway crew is continuing to ditch and mow along the roads. McKee asked about restoration of Mero Rd. Craft and Lyford went for a site visit and found that the fill around the installed culvert had dried and hardened better than they had anticipated. The highway crew may add some additional gravel. Stone stated that he had viewed it as well and that the road needs crowning and the culvert require a header.

The Board went into executive session at 7:34pm. The returned at 7:47 pm with the following decision: The Vershire Selectboard will not authorize a payment request for mileage reimbursement and any additional hourly rate for an employee's time spent attending the VT Police Academy for Police Academy training.

Office computers were discussed. Craft stated that land records may need to be digitized in the near future and that there may be some grant funding to accomplish the computer access for the public.

Stone asked when the tax rate needs to be set. Craft stated that he was still awaiting the State educational rate and that there will need to be a grace period to allow taxpayers 30 days from when the tax bills are mailed. Craft stated that October 8<sup>th</sup> may be the projected time frame for the first payment.

Craft stated that notice had been sent to the property owner of the parcel on Eagle Hollow where the beavers have made a large pond/home for themselves, and that the line of communications have been open. Stone and the Board agreed that a deadline needs to be imposed as it could become a safety issue by damaging the roadway. Craft will stress the importance of this in his next notice to the land owner.

Minutes for 7/21 & 8/5 were approved as amended. Orders will be signed when the Board members can access the office individually. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.