

Vershire Selectboard minutes for 9/1/20 DRAFT

In attendance: Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Alan Lyford-HW Foreman, Gene Craft-Admin. Asst., Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y - Sarah Thrasher joined at 7:35pm Guest: Tonya Gunn

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Highway Foreman report: Lyford stated that Moody Hill Road out to Hammer's property is a class 3, but beyond is a legal trail and mostly impassable by vehicles. Stone stated that a property resident had called him to inquire about culvert repairs on Moody Hill. Lyford stated that the town doesn't do work on trails, but would go out and take a look and measurements and report back to the Board. Ditching to satisfy the TRORC grant fund program for storm water runoff is continuing on Durgin Hill Rd. Lyford has interacted with Rita Seto at TRORC about the 80/20 grant funds to replace/build salt storage for town highways. Lyford would like to apply for the grant to see if the town can qualify for the program funds in 2021. Lyford stated that Chelsea was offering their York rake for sale and thought it would be a good equipment addition with hydraulic applications that would be of good use on the tractor. The rake new would run about \$5400.

Beaver issues: There is one beaver site on Durgin, and the critters on Eagle Hollow are now cutting trees across the road. Land owner needs a letter stating that the fish are swimming in the culvert rather than the water flowing thru and that that are a series of dams on both end of the beaver made pond. Lyford is very concerned about the integrity of the road undercarriage. Town Counsel will draft and send a letter to the property owner. Stone stated that resolution is needed now, or the town needs to get T. Brown, from the State, there prior to winter.

Craft stated that he had informed property owners via the list-serve about the tax bill mailing being delayed, as he's waiting for the state education rate confirmation.

Durgin Hill recycle/trash site discussion; residents have been seen depositing items after hours when the gate is closed. Stone stated that people need to adhere to the rules for depositing trash, cleaned recyclables, broken down cardboard boxes, and utilize the supplied compost buckets.

Gunn stated that she was aware of certain residents extended needs thru her work with Helping Hands and she would inform them about proper waste procedures and assist with acquiring an occasional green bag if needed. Craft stated that he's still making efforts to move forward with some sort of a punch card system for trash versus the green bags.

Gunn, representing VerShare, asked the Board if VerShare could be allowed to sue the pizza over for fund raisers for the next few Sundays for pick-up and pay orders. She proposed that there would be a small crew in the kitchen to make the preparations for 24 pizzas each Sunday with staggered pick-up times. McKee asked about the firewood. Gunn replied that wood was

being volunteered. Stone asked if people were trained on the oven use. Craft replied that he would be assisting with the training. Thrasher made the motion to allow VerShare to use the pizza oven for 4 Sunday in September to benefit VerShare. All were in favor.

It was noted that RISD had begun opening for student orientation.

Municipal Tax Rate worksheet and extended grace period/due date extension reviewed. The Board will meet next Tuesday the 8th at 7pm. to set the municipal rate.

Discussion followed about 815 VCR. Thrasher asked if the ad had been places in three outlets and if the Clerk had received any responses. The answer to both was “yes”. Craft added that the town newsletter is upcoming and there will be a sample ballot included. He also stated that there will be interaction with town counsel about conveyance of real estate.

Durgin Hill land subdivision and interacting with engineer Townsend was discussed. Lyford suggested that the old dead maples and ash be harvested prior to any future offering and that the wood be used for the Bread/Pizza oven.

A new shed for the Town Center Building: McKee has interacted with P. Barnes about the design and tying it in with the existing structure at the Bread Oven. McKee offered to donate the logs for the beams. Thrasher stated her gratitude and motioned that the shed project move forward. All in favor and McKee will contact Barnes about needed log lengths.

The Board went into executive session at 8:32 and returned at 8:48 pm, after discussing an employee issue. The Selectboard did not reach a decision regarding the employee issue and decided to wait for more information before reaching any decisions. McKee made the motion to adjourn the meeting to 9/8/20 at 7pm to resume discussion of, and then to set, the town property tax rate. Stone seconded and all were in favor. Board adjourned at 8:49PM.

Minutes for 8/18 will be reviewed 9/8 and orders will be signed as the Board members can access the town office individually.