

## Vershire Selectboard Minutes for 9/29/20 Approved

In attendance: (via Zoom) Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Sarah Thrasher, Alan Lyford-HW Foreman, Gene Craft-Administrative Asst., Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y.

Guests: Steve Atwood-HO, Sande French-Stockwell and Mike Gunn-Recycle Coord., Tonya Gunn, Ken Bushey

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

McKee stated that he had recently reached out to the Act 250 Department to review any potential concerns they might have about the site at 815 VCR. Craft stated that the next step was to submit plans to both ANR and Act 250. Bushey stated that he would research the permit fees and if municipalities might be exempt. McKee added that the Board is considering having the existing structure be incorporated into the plan and be used as office/crew bunk house as needed during storms. Craft, Lyford, Stone and Bushey will do a site visit to 815 VCR Saturday at 9am to review driveway access, placement of the garage and how to do a full layout with the materials- sand/salt storage etc., being located at the rear.

Highway Foreman report: Lyford has spent much time on the phone with both Patrick Ross, from Agency of Transportation, and T. Lewis, the Mero Rd landowner about the road/bridge damage requiring corrective action. Ross suggested that once the repairs are complete, the Town might consider taking on the ownership of the bridges and maintain thereafter. Lyford stated that the radiator on the 7 year old 10 wheel truck was leaking and that he'd ordered a new one for replacement. He also has ordered a brake air intake, but that is back ordered. The crew plans on doing some needed welding repairs on the next rainy day/Weds. Lyford will also interact with TRORC about impact/permit fees to municipalities. Stone stated that he's had a call from a Moody Hill landowner to clarify where the Class 3 section ends and about culverts in the area. Stone stated that the beaver baffle repairs on Eagle Hollow were working well and Atwood stated that he has observed improvement from the baffle repair on Beaver Meadow Road as well.

Tonya Gunn asked if Selectboard meeting links can be posted for more participation. Craft stated that he has posted on the list-serve with a link. Gunn explained about the grant funding/meals program- "Every Body Eats," and how a local chef/food-truck owner can use the kitchen facility at Cedar Circle Farm and then distribute at the Vershire Town Center Building on Fridays from 10-12. Craft stated that the food would have to be requested ahead of time and that each participant can get a maximum of 5 meals. The Board granted permission for the vendor to distribute the meals starting Oct. 1st at the Town Center location, through mid-December, as that was the time frame for the grant funds. Gunn was hoping to reach out to more of our local seniors and added that the chef has his own liability insurance. Kingsbury suggested that Gunn reach out to Ken Stella and Senior advocate, Chuck Rynhard. Stone did ask that Gunn acquire a copy of the chef's Insurance policy for the town records. Atwood noted that someone

was providing meals in Thetford and will inquire as to how they are organizing/distributing them.

French-Stockwell came to review the Parker Road clean-up proposal. It was revealed that one of the two property owners was intending on deeding their interest to the other, and didn't want to be included in the lien placed for the clean-up expenses. The terms of one-time clean-up assistance, providing deposit access and how to transport to Lebanon were reviewed. Both Gunn and French-Stockwell offered times to bring the project to resolution. Stone stated that it must be very clear to the property owner(s) that the unhealthy condition cannot continue or reoccur. McKee added that if the owner(s) doesn't adhere to the correcting the health issues, the Town can condemn the property as a health nuisance. Stone made the motion to move forward with a structured agreement to get the property cleaned up and to schedule a time for the recycle coordinators to run the compactor. McKee seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion followed about revising the required green bags for trash versus a punch card or sticker system. Stone moved to research and revise the trash collection system to utilize a sticker or tear off ticket book. McKee seconded and all were in favor.

Bushy stated that he had reviewed the soil report for 815 VCR and that 3000 psi was adequate for construction and that adding crush stone for drainage under the concrete slab was good advice.

Craft stated that the digitization of town records was starting this week. The firm doing the work was bringing in equipment to scan the records and this would minimize future damage to town records. Craft added that there will be a locking mail box/receptacle to be mounted to the exterior of the town office this Saturday.

A Taylor Valley resident requested copies of Highway time clock records. It was agreed that Craft can make the records accessible but didn't need to copy and mail out. Should the resident, or any other person, wish to access the town office, they will be required to make an appointment and to wear a mask when entering the building.

Minutes for 9/8 & 9/15 will be submitted to the Board for review. Orders will be reviewed and signed when the Board members can access the town office individually.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

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