

RE: Vershire Selectboard minutes for 1/5/21 approved

In attendance: (via Zoom) Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Sarah Thrasher, Gene Craft-Admin-Asst., Alan Lyford-HW Foreman, Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y. Steve Atwood-HO. Guests: Ken Bushey, Michelle Massa, Nicole Fogarty & Reva Seybolt (via phone).

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Stone welcomed several new "faces" and opened the floor to them. Fogarty stated she wanted to drop in and listen. Massa stated she had an item to ask about: Town Parcel on Eagle Hollow Rd., the trails there, and parking access. Craft stated that the parking area is minimal and that the trails at the ridge cross over to the Sandbreagh parcel which has some markings. The Thurston parcel abuts as well, but he didn't think there are any visible markers. Massa stated that she and her hiking partner had noticed a plowed area across from Sandbreagh land in the past and wondered if it would be kept open. Lyford stated that the highway crew had reclaimed and removed the pavement on that section two years prior. Until recently, they have kept the turnaround area plowed. However, the open area led to trash being deposited, so they stopped plowing it. Discussion followed about interacting with the wildlife management land owner to verify access for parking and to the trails. Stone added that the trails are posted with limited access when the Peregrine falcons are nesting near the rock ledges. McKee encouraged Massa to speak with the two adjacent landowners suggesting they could work together to determine an area survey to monitor access/activity of those wishing to enjoy the land.

Highway Foreman report: Lyford wanted to remind residents to remove vehicles and personal property from the Town rights-of-way to enable the Town highway crew to plow. Most roads are 3 rods, which is 49.5 feet in width. Thrasher added that plowing across a town road is not acceptable as it makes for a dangerous situation.

Lyford stated that the equipment is all holding up. The crew has used substantially less sand and salt than last year at this time. Stone asked how the staggered work schedule was working to keep the crew distanced. Lyford stated that it was working well and that the only time the crew is together is when they require two people to work on equipment. Thrasher added that continuing to wear PPE and open doors for ventilation works. Lyford added that they are wiping down the interior of the trucks after use and wearing gloves. Lyford was encouraged to check the cleaning supplies and restock now.

It was noted that Rita French has informed the crew that there are some dead trees along SVR that need removal. Lyford stated that the crew might handle that, along with some other debris removal along the road in that area, on the same day. Fines for dumping trash were discussed and that the State Game Warden might also assist with documentation.

The "zoom" meeting with Julie Follansbee from ANR on January 4th was reviewed: Craft stated that it went in a positive direction with her acknowledging the struggle the Town has had to come up with a viable site for a new garage. She laid out the things that need to be itemized to complete the application process and work in a timely

fashion. McKee stated that he had interacted with the architect that worked with the Town of Glover when they built their new facility and that he was willing to meet with members of the Board at the site in the next few weeks. The 13th was determined to be doable for those present. It was agreed that the building design plans and the soils report should be given to several commercial builders for cost estimates.

The property at 815 VCR was reviewed: Tilden Electric has been contacted to update the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Stone stated that he had issues acquiring the new thermostat he had ordered to install at the site as well. The electrician is scheduled to be there next Thursday.

Atwood and Craft gave an update on the Parker Road/Sleath property rubbish removal: The Town and Willing Hands contributed \$700 for the clean-up, which will be garnished from Sleath's wages until paid.

Discussion followed about how to hold the annual Town Meeting, normally scheduled for the first Tuesday in March. Craft noted that the state legislature has yet to determine resolution.

Craft stated that the next tax payment is due on February 4th. Minutes for 12/22/20 were approved as amended. Orders will be reviewed and signed as the Board members can access the Town Office individually and meet with Craft.

Lyford stated that the generators at both the highway garage and the Vershire Town Center Building had not been serviced since April 2019. He has contacted the maintenance company and they are coming next week. It was noted the generator at VF&R was upgraded during the modifications made this last year. Lyford reminded Craft to reach out to the Town's two-way radio provider to update as needed.

Fogarty stated that the Westshire children were still learning remotely but starting classes at school again on the 1/11/21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.