

Vershire Selectboard minutes 12/8/20 approved

In attendance: Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Gene Craft-Admin. Asst., Alan Lyford-HW Foreman, Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y., Steve Atwood, HO. Guests: Niko Horster, Nando, Ken Bushey, Reva Seybolt.

Vernal Stone called to order at 7:03. McKee asked for a minute of silence to pay respects to long time Town residents that had recently passed, Kevin Ricker and Tara Mullen.

Highway Foreman report- Lyford stated that he's still anticipating grant funds from the State as the paving grants were halted and funds were being divided up between the towns based on road mileage. Lyford has met with VT Dept of Trans rep. P. Ross about replacing the culvert on the lower section of VCR by the Sarazin property. He stated that the crew is working at differing times and dividing routes to keep employees distanced. They are also sanitizing the truck interiors after use. Stone asked Lyford about part-time/on call assistance if needed for winter conditions. Lyford replied that J. Beebe would fill in and Stone added that he has permission from his employer to leave work and assist the crew in an emergency. Lyford added that Corinth, Chelsea and Vershire Highway departments have a plan to interact for plow truck drivers as needed should any crew be short staffed due to illness.

A follow-up on Mero Road: P. Ross will revisit the site in the spring. Lyford stated that stringers are in place for a bridge crossing and the culvert has been removed from the stream. Lyford asked if Mr. Lewis had signed the agreement in reference to repairs and continued maintenance. Craft stated that he had made some revisions and resent to Mr. Lewis. Lyford stated that TRORC was looking for the annual fee for highway permitting for ditching work. Lyford will forward the request from R. Seto to Craft.

Rental at 815 VCR: Horster and Nando stated that they had done their walk-thru/inspection of the property prior to the rental agreement. They stated that they understood that the garage was not included as part of the lease agreement. Discussion followed as to parking and plowing over the winter months. The monthly rent and security deposit were also reviewed. McKee made a motion to accept their offer, and that the rental and the security deposit would be paid prior to occupancy. The lease will run from 12/15/20 until 5/15/21. Lyford added that several electrical items need to be addressed at the property: smoke detectors and the front porch light, as well as removing the woodstove there. Craft will contact an electrician and the HW Crew will remove the woodstove.

Atwood informed the Board that B. Garrow and L. Ordway had been instrumental in cleaning up the property that I. Sleath and C. Wilmot own on Parker Rd. He added that he thought that someone in Newbury was considering taking the boats from the yard, and they are working on removing the scrap metal as well. Atwood suggested that a note of gratitude be sent to Garrow and Ordway for their extreme efforts of support to Garrow's employee to assist with this project and they planned to have it ready to be inspected by the HO on 12/15/20. Lyford asked if anyone was residing in the mobil

home at the Parker site and what would prevent the exterior becoming a trash site again. Atwood replied that as HO, if the situation ensued again, he would give notice to the owners and condemn.

Bushey, updating the Board on the HW Garage project, stated that Greg from Arrow-wood Engineering had sent information to Julie F. at ANR asking for instructions on moving forward. Bushey thought that it may make sense to start requesting estimates for construction in January. Multiple commercial contractors' names were noted. The Board will send requests for interest and bids to several. The Board stated that their visit to the Glover HW garage was productive and that design might work well. McKee will contact the Selectboard in Glover for more information. Cost for a sand and salt shed was also discussed. It was agreed that would be phase two and Lyford would contact the HW Dept in WRJ about their sand/shed shed installation.

Craft stated that the Town audit will be starting in the next two weeks and he will be sending bookwork remotely. Craft noted that he was setting up town emails for town officials.

McKee asked how to dispose of the old shed at the TCB. He reported that some of the logs to make the beams for the shed addition to the bread oven pavilion had been transported up to TMS for them to start the project.

Seybolt asked how Town Meeting might be handled, and whether it could be held during warmer weather outside. Craft replied that no plans had been decided at this time by the State legislature. Craft added that the warning for Town Meeting needs to be 30 days prior.

The Board and Craft noted that budget meetings for the next fiscal year will start next week.

Minutes for 11/24/20 were approved as amended. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.