

Vershire Selectboard minutes for 3/15/21 approved

In attendance (Via Zoom) Vernal Stone-Chair, Ken Bushey, Ethel Pike, Gene Craft-Admin. Asst, Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y, Alan Lyford-HW Foreman

Guests; Nicole White Fogarty, Greg Dixson, Tonya Gunn, Reva Seybolt, Earl Robinson w/ Traci and Tucker

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Agenda reviewed and Greg Dixson, Krebs & Lansing engineer, to be first. Dixson stated that both required storm water permit applications had been submitted to ANR and he expects to have confirmation early April for the construction one. It may take 6-7 weeks for the other one. Michael Lew-Smith, from Arrowwood Engineers plans to submit the wetland application shortly and expects that turn-around timeframe to be quick. Dixson stated that the plan was to use the existing well and septic system, with some upgrades to the septic tank and he needs the well driller's information on the depth and the quantity, gallons per minute. The Board confirmed that the existing residential structure will no longer be rented once construction has started, and may be used by the town for office space, cold storage, and road crew use. Lyford stated that the intent is to have a containment base for the sand & salt shed to restrict any runoff concerns. Discussion followed as to directing floor drains to a holding tank with an alarm at 75% capacity. Lyford added that with radiant heat, he didn't feel the run-off from equipment would be excessive and that we can determine the capacity of the holding tank after more review. Dixson stated that once he finalized the application he would need the Board's signatures.

Highway report: Lyford stated that the crew had hauled 240 yards of gravel in preparation for mud-season. He has been monitoring the long term weather forecast and plans to have the crew remove the wing plows next week. Lyford added that they serviced the grader last week. Stone asked about the lifter/dump cylinder on the 10 wheeler. Lyford stated that it was functioning fine when on level ground but would order a replacement and added it will take 3 hours to change it. Stone asked if the loggers presently harvesting in town were interacting with him about the posted roads. Lyford acknowledged that they had been calling him. Craft asked that they be reminded to apply for excessive weight permits and that a fine of \$1 per day applies from last year, too. Lyford plans to reach out to paving contractors for price updates and availability. Craft has not spoken to C. Bump from VT Dept of Trans as yet but Rita Seto from TRORC has indicated that the 24K grant for ditching/roadwork has been approved.

Town meeting information hearing: It was agreed to have a technical trial run on the 23rd at 7:20. Craft, the Board and the facilitators will set up and then the rest of us present offered to call in or log on. Craft will send the zoom information.

Craft has contacted W. Parker about installing the dehumidifier unit.

Discussion about the wetlands permit application continued (Dixson left at 7:30). Craft shared that the application fee was \$240 and the impact fees for encroaching upon the wetlands buffer zone came to \$4747.75. State Leg. Representative Samantha Lefebvre had previously offered to discuss the wetlands fees with the state to see if they could be waived or revised. Bushey offered to contact Lefebvre and explain they were ready to

submit the application. The question is will ANR review the application without the impact fees. Not wanting to slow the pace of the project, Stone made the motion to authorize the town treasurer to issue a check for \$4987.75. Pike seconded and all were in favor. Bushey will contact Lefebvre first thing in the morning and report back.

Town Center Building refrigerator update: Gunn reported that the VerShare Board approved donating the refrigerator to the Town. It was mentioned by Pike and Gunn that funds stemming from a recent legislation bill that may be dispersed directly to towns and that perhaps upgrading the gas ranges in the TCB kitchen with a commercial grade unit and installing direct ventilation, plus a dishwasher might be items to think about. Stone asked what rules and restrictions might be placed for any forthcoming funds. More research will need to be done.

Kingsbury will "host" the April 13th meeting as Craft has other commitments that day.

Reconstituting a Town Energy Committee - Craft or David Hooke will post it on the list-serve.

White-Fogarty, during the meeting, accessed the well driller's records and found that the well at 815 Vershire Center Rd was drilled by Wm. Bailey, in 1987. It is 141 feet deep, 94 feet to bedrock, produces 5 gallons per minute and the static level was set at 7 feet. Craft will send this information to Dixson.

Minutes for March 2 and March 5 were approved as amended. Orders were approved and will be signed when the Board members can individually access the Town Office. The RISD vote will be tabulated tomorrow evening. Craft stated that he had his support team in place. He added that the Town Ballot with the Town Warning will be mailed out to registered voters in pre-addressed envelopes on 3/18. White Fogarty shared that the recent town newsletter didn't seem to make it into mailboxes along Ayers Road and wondered if anyone else got missed, and suggested that the town clerk be notified if they needed a copy.

The highway crew sends special thanks to Pam Stone for her wonderful home-made donuts.

White-Fogarty stated that she was planning to introduce herself to residents at the transfer station on Saturday the 20th. Bushey stated he planned to be there and Gunn shared she would be too.

Craft wanted to remind dog owners that their canines need to be registered before April 1st. The fee is \$9 altered, \$13 unaltered, and the dogs need to have a current rabies certificate. Pet owners can drop their payment and information in the drop box at the town office and Craft can mail their license and tag to them. Dr. Susan Tullar will host a rabies clinic in town sometime in April.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.