

Vershire Selectboard minutes for 8/17/21 approved

In attendance: Vernal Stone-Chair, Ken Bushey, Nicole White-Fogarty, Gene Craft-Admin. Asst., Alan Lyford-Highway Foreman, Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y, Guest: Mark Fogarty

Called to order at 7:06pm

Highway report: Lyford stated that the back-hoe had a leaking hydraulic hose but it has been repaired. He has not yet been able to solidify a paving quote for the Town Center building parking lot. Lyford will meet with Allan May to review next year's projects/grant funding. The mower has been repaired and Taylor Valley Road has been mowed. The area behind the Town Center will be mowed on Thursday. Lyford reported that the state officials are pleased with how the Vershire crew is handling its roads, ditches and culverts.

New Garage update: Bushey stated that the town energy committee might offer some input. Craft noted that the energy committee will have a presence on the town website. The board suggested that committee input on the new town garage project be submitted to both the garage committee and the selectboard via email.

Lyford stated that the section of Vershire Center Road between the new town garage site and VT113 will be closed for a culvert repair. Traffic will be detoured to Brown Rd. and the mail carrier has been alerted. Stone asked about the culvert repairs on South Vershire Road. Lyford replied that he does not yet have a time frame for mine reclamation but he heard the EPA will focus on the mines at Pike Hill first.

Pat Ross called about 6 weeks ago for an update on the Mero Road repairs. Lyford and Stone will research. Guard rails on South Vershire Road were discussed and it was agreed that the banking needs to be stabilized prior to winter. The Board and Lyford noted that traffic on the side roads had increased most likely by locals trying to avoid the construction on VT113. Nicole reported that school buses will start operating on Wednesday. Krista Davis from Butler buses requested buses be allowed to traverse North Road up to Private Road 4. It was agreed that there is not enough space for the bus to turn around there and that the bus should continue to do their pick-up/drop off at the base of North Road by VT113.

Minutes for 8/3 were approved as amended. Warrants were reviewed and signed. The Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District (GUVSWD) agreement for the landfill site was reviewed. Stone moved to approve. White-fogarty seconded and all were in favor.

Craft asked where the new audio/visual equipment used for zoom meetings should be safely stored. It was agreed that a section of the Town Center building entry foyer coat closet could be sectioned off for a locking cabinet to house the items. Craft will contact W. Parker. Craft noted that Parker had recently repaired the Town Center entry ramp.

Lower hall off dining to storage room concerns; It was also agreed to add a ceiling light in the lower hall storage room area. Lighting improvements at the town office were also discussed.

Law enforcement requests and revising the town ordinances and their enforcement were discussed. Craft will contact the VT state police at the Bethel barracks and town counsel Tarrant for more information. Concerns include noise, signage infringements, and Illegal dumping. H. Gillette from GUVSWD may have advice about the enforcement of illegal trash disposal. Bushey asked if the trash topic and noise issues might fall under health violations. Mark Fogarty asked who would be responsible for enforcement and/or if these issues would fall under the jurisdiction of Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The COAL for Allen Laflamme: The Board agreed that additional requirements and conditions need to be added and that compliance would be necessary to receive the license. The board will also be requiring confirmation/receipts for the vehicles that are removed and what new inventory is coming in. The Board will also require the property owner to meet and update the board every 60 days. Stone shared his concern about the activity/operations conducted on the main road and in the ROW and indicated there needed to be signage. Preferably, all loading should occur on the property behind the fence. Laflamme will be invited to the next meeting and he also needs to attend the required DMV seminars for salvage training certification.

Town Center Building committee and Recreation committee reports: White-Fogarty reported the Town Center Building committee will meet the 3rd Mondays each month and they plan to review the rental agreement outline. Bushey reported that the Recreation committee would hold two soccer clinics on upcoming Thursday evenings. Kingsbury noted that the first food truck event held at the Town Center on the 12th seemed well organized and attended. Craft added that he's working on getting a new digital sign to post town events. Bushey submitted a receipt for items/equipment for the recreation field activities. Stone moved to accept and reimburse for the same. White-Fogarty seconded. Bushey added that he will get a mesh bag to store the soccer balls.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.