

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting: December 21, 2020 **Present:** Rob DeValk, Jim Jennison, Frank Emig, Mark McIntire, Gray Skinner, Terry Callum, Laura Butson **Approve minutes:** BOS meetings December 7 and 15, 2020: Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed. **Sign bill manifest:** Motion JJ/FE to approve with addition, passed. **Sign payroll manifests:** Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed.

Public Input:

1. Terry Callum requested permission for this season for snowmobiles to cross Heino Road by traveling 1000' along the road side between Vinton and Reed Roads. He noted the Crescent Lake Snow mobile club registers its trail details with the State and the State provides liability coverage to landowners working with the club. Motion FE/JJ to allow pending checking on liability with Legal Services, passed. The Town would provide a confirming letter.
2. Gray Skinner provided detail to his building permit application for an addition to his Hill Road residence. The addition would result in 3 bedrooms and the septic plan provides for 2. Motion FE/JJ to approve the addition permit with the condition that the septic be upgraded by June 30, 2021, passed.
3. Laura Butson noted that materials are being accumulated for a welding shop on Grange Hall Road although a building permit has not been issued.
4. John Luther discussed Town Meeting plans in light of Covid. Alternative sites were reviewed with consensus we would have best attendance by meeting in Acworth. The Hall can be arranged for maximum socially distanced seating. Motion FE/JJ to hold Town Meeting in the Hall, passed. There was discussion regarding masking. Motion JJ/FE that face masking will be required in the day and evening sessions of Town Meeting in 2021, passed.

Highway Department Report:

1. Work update/plan: Mark McIntire noted he located a shed for the generator and that the garage doors require maintenance. The first major snowfall was handled by the new crew with no significant equipment issues and crew safety check-ins are taking place as needed.
2. Salt prebuy: Considered not necessary by consensus.

Action items:

1. Building permits: None
2. Intents: None.
3. Finalize budget and warrant: It was noted that some 2020 invoices are still outstanding. It was also noted that with the turnover in Highway some items in the 2020 budget will be under expended. There was consensus to apply under expended funds to expanding the work planned for Derry Hill Road in 2021 and to funding our annual road related capital reserve deposits. Funding the capital reserve deposits would reduce the amount needed to be raised in taxes in the 2021 budget and adding to the Derry Hill work would bring that road closer to completion. Revisit budget and warrant with these updates January 4.
4. Hazardous waste: Motion JJ/FE to sign the Keene program Letter of Commitment, passed.

Other items:

1. Nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3.IIa: Motion JJ/FE to move to nonpublic, passed: JJ, FE, RD, 8:45PM; Returned to public session 9:00PM.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00PM; Next meeting January 4, 2021; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt