

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Meeting of August 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Jim Jennison; Ray Leonard; Kathi Bradt

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Bland, Health Officer; Linda Christie; Erin Darrow, Engineer; Glenn Elsesser

CALL TO ORDER: Jim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Jim seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 6:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.***

“RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.”

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.***

On a motion by Jim seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to seal the minutes, because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Motion passed unanimously.***

FLOOD RESPONSE:

- Erin discussed the various contracts that still need to be completed and the amounts that have been billed so far. Erin reviewed with JP and discussed slowing down on the gravel road projects in order to use what money we have left for the projects that need to get done. There is ~\$760,608 left, ~\$200k will be for engineering, permitting and admin, ~\$250k for Derry Hill Project 3A (ditching) and if the board wanted to pave Charlestown Rd that would be \$234,796.
- Linda suggested we double check with FEMA whether they will cover the damage done on Charlestown road from diverting the traffic. She was told FEMA will not pay for anything that didn't happen on that day. Kathi said FEMA relayed to us that Charlestown Rd could be reclaimed and paved because it was a detour route and suffered damage due to this.
- Much discussion took place whether to pave Charlestown Rd or do Derry Hill Project 3B (culverts). Erin stated that although it needs paving, we should consider how to use the funds available to have the broadest range of benefit.
- Ray thought we may be able to put down chopped up asphalt for now on Charlestown Rd and pave at a later time.
- Kathi indicated that it sounds like they are considering moving away from paving Charlestown Rd, and look at the responses to the RFP on Derry Hill 3B at the next meeting. Consensus was that this was correct.
- Glenn asked about getting the budget committee involved. Kathi mentioned that they are working on a 3-year schedule based on extensions that the state grants and are inputting project costs that Erin provided. They have opened up conversation with the bank so we can discuss status. Once we know all this the plan is to invite the budget committee to the August 29th meeting.
- On the open contracts we need to confirm with JP if he is willing to stop the work for now but keep the contracts open and to only work on Derry Hill Project 3A. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***ask Josh if he would stay with the level of estimated expenditures except on Derry Hill Project 3A until next Monday. Motion passed unanimously.***

DISCUSSION:

- Town border: Charlotte told the Board that a person bought a piece of property in Charlestown that borders Acworth and he said the border has not been maintained and is requesting this to be done so he can log. Charlotte reached out to NHMA about this and they did indicate that “the select board is required to perambulate the boundaries of the town every 7 years and that this may require the board to undertake a perambulation of the boundary.” We do have a survey but this person stated this plan was not correct. The board said if he has an issue he needs to come to a board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Comeau, AA

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2022, 6:00 at the Town Hall