

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting: September 30, 2019 **Present:** Rob DeValk, Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Earl Kathan, Kathy Kathan, Scott Sanchas, Glenn Elsesser, Charlie Bradt, Mark McIntire, Sarah Vogel, Rob Vogel
Open meeting: 7:00PM, RD **Approve minutes:** BOS meetings 9/16/19: Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed.
Sign bill manifest: Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed. **Sign payroll manifest:** Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Input:

1. Sarah Vogel described work by the committee established to study Charlestown's withdrawal from the school district. She noted a withdrawal would reduce student numbers by such a degree that programs at the high school would be impacted as would the tax burden to towns remaining in the district. The cost increase to Acworth could approach \$200,000 which would need to be made up in the school portion of the tax rate. At this time the Committee is poised to make its recommendations and SV asked for input. RD asked whether there was any benefit to Acworth and SV said she could not see any at this time. In light of the lack of benefit and the potential tax increase RD, JJ and others attending the meeting could not support the withdrawal (FE is also on the Committee). There are 10 members of the Committee (2 per town) and if the majority votes not to support withdrawal the matter would be closed. If the Committee votes in support, a plan for the withdrawal would be submitted to the State and put to the voters in March.

Highway Department Report:

1. Work update/plan: EK reported fall grading, ditching, trimming and preparing trucks for winter. Gravel crushing expected early in October, crew will return to 5 day weeks October 14 and will attend October safety training.
2. CIP: Discussion on wheeled excavator continued with consensus to research summer rental for a trial period; RD noted the Planning Board supported paving the length of Beryl Mountain Road in 2020 as is currently shown in the CIP; There was discussion to be continued as to how to apply any 2019 under expenditure in a way which would increase the Town's 2020 options.
3. Nye Road culvert: Estimates and wetlands permitting requirements being reviewed.
4. Salt order: Previous two years' orders reviewed. Motion FE/JJ to stay with past order level, passed.
5. Chips for snow mobile club work on Gove Trail: Available for self-loading at Garage.
6. Library parking: EK will meet with Guy Russell.
7. Gove Forest tree removal: Refer to ConCom under Forest Maintenance.
8. Allen Road bridge graffiti: Consensus to repair.

Transfer Station Report:

1. Charlie Bradt noted the bins have new signage thanks to NH the Beautiful and that a new lock has been installed on the used oil. There was consensus that EK would see to clearing the required 50' radius around the burn pit and Ed Baker would weed wack around the site as needed.

ConCom Report: Next meeting October 9. **PB Report:** September 23 meeting: Miller subdivision approved, Master Plans being readied for printing. **Solid Waste Study Committee:** Recommendations were reviewed. Some are already implemented, some are for future consideration. RD asked whether the Committee evaluated pay-to-throw which was the subject of the original warrant article. JJ indicated there was a sense it would not work and suggested engaging an outside source to come and explain the pros and cons.

Action items:

1. Building permits: None.
2. Intents to Cut: None.
3. Compliance: Tallman: October site visit; Relihan: Pending PB and ZBA; Hall's Pond: Second letter signed
4. Timber Tax: Consensus to sign warrants.
5. Gove Road fire remains: Consensus to agree by letter to winter clean up.
6. MS-1: Draft reviewed with consensus to submit.

Other items:

1. Nonpublic: None.
2. Next meeting: October 7

Meeting adjourned: 9:00PM; Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.

