

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Meeting of October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

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

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Bradt, Transfer Station Attendant, Charlotte Comeau, Administrative Assistant; Collin Crosby, Highway Foreman; Melinda Loiselle, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Baber, Fire Warden; Gregg Bascom; Glenn Elsesser; Josh Perry, Contractor

CALL TO ORDER FOR MEETING: Jim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLOOD RESPONSE:

- Discussion took place with Josh about the ditches on Derry Hill. Ray stated that the ditching seems wide and deep. Josh stated that where it is wide it's not that deep and where it's deep it's because of the road being narrow and not enough room to make it wide. They will be adding stone to fill some of it in. Josh also mentioned that they are supposed to be repairing the road to state spec. After much discussion, Jim said he will meet with Josh and Erin tomorrow to discuss further.

FLOOD LOAN:

- Melinda mentioned that we need to pay the interest then we can go forward with the extension. On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to approve the extension and sign the papers. Motion passed.***

MINUTES: Meeting and NPS minutes of October 3; on a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve minutes as written. Motion passed.***

BILL MANIFEST: Charlotte indicated additions to the manifest. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; Kathi questioned Collin about an invoice for Cives. Collin stated it was for a spreader chain for the 5500 and a new cross chain for the Western Star. ***The Board voted to approve with additions and sign. Motion passed.***

PAYROLL MANIFEST: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***

TRANSFER STATION: Discussion took place with Charlie on updating the fee schedule. He discussed the fees that Charlotte gave him for other towns that are Acworth's size. Charlie asked the Board if he and Charlotte could work together to come up with a draft to present to the Board at the next meeting. Kathi asked if any of the fee schedules were based on the cost. Charlie said we could check into this. There was consensus for Charlie and Charlotte to put a draft together to present at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Collin said everything was going great and the Highway Dept. is in very good shape. Western Star is 90% ready for winter. All the trucks have been gone through and ready to go.
- The culvert on Meader Rd. is plugged. He is working with the state on this because our culvert is tied into the states who will be out in a couple weeks. He has talked with the home owner about it. They have also filled the ditching with stone.
- Went to Brier Rd but have not seen the home owner. They will grade the road and bring in gravel to fix the road.
- Went to Cobb Hill regarding complaint with Charlie H. driveway. Spoke with Nick R., they came up with a solution. Then Collin went and spoke with Charlie H. Collin said that should be all taken care of.
- Kathi asked about Keyes Hollow. Collin said he hasn't hear back from the home owner so he hasn't put in a culvert yet. He has graded the road so should be all set for winter.
- Jim told Collin that according to Brian C., the shims should be changed on the grader. Collin doesn't see the need as he is using the grader as a grader and not using it to ditch and in that capacity it doesn't move. Collin will ask Aaron to check it out.

PUBLIC: Gregg B. said they are looking to bury some lines across Ryan Rd. There was a Class V, VI Road improvement form filled out. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***

ACTION ITEMS:

- Building Permit: Gamache, M201 L41. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***
- Intent to Cut: D Hoagland M2233 L5&6; D Bascom M244 L2. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***The Board voted to approve both intents. Motion passed.***
- Warrant for Elections: Kathi would like to change the morning hour from 10 to 11. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign the warrant.***
- Compliance: Gerry D. Kathi felt that all these emails are diversionary tactics and the email Charlotte sent was appropriate. Collin is dealing with the road maintenance. This doesn't change anything regarding our junk yard correspondence and compliance issues of having 2 or more unregistered vehicles without a junkyard permit. There was some discussion on where turnaround is on Brier Rd for plowing purposes and whether it is blocked. This was tabled until the next meeting.
- Timber tax warrant: D Bascom M242 L11. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***

DISCUSSION:

- Rules of Procedure for Selectmen: Discussion took place on the draft presented by Charlotte. Kathi mentioned that this is for candidates so they come in knowing what they have to do. She thinks that there should be some other things like job descriptions as well as procedures. The Board will look it over and have everyone make notes and send to Charlotte and discuss at the next meeting.
- Email: Town Hall Rental for Ceara Comeau-Rosello to use the back room for filming. Consensus was this was fine. Charlotte will present the application and any paperwork as it gets closer to the time.
- Gary B. mentioned it has been recommended by his boss that they wait until there is snow on the ground before having the contained burn drill, so it will be a little longer before it takes place.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS): On a motion by Jim seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b) at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed.***

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau
Administrative Assistant