

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes May 1, 2017

Opening: The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00PM on May 1, 2017 in Stow by Richard Meserve.

Present: Selectmen: Richard Meserve, Susan Smith, and Kathleen Ela **Town Clerk:** Christine Carone
Residents: Carrie Garland, **Treasurer/Secretary:** Diana Davis

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Town Clerk Business: The clerk approved the list of students living in Stow going to MSAD #72.

There are still two tree growth plans that need to be update. The clerk has sent two letters to each and got no response. Richard will call.

John O'Donnell, assessor, said at the April 26th meeting, that they will have their work done by September 1st.

Open Issue: William and Richard met with Enid Mitnik, DEP and Jeffrey Kalinich, Environmental Specialist, about closing the old sand & salt site and looked at the new site.

New Business: Richard got a building permit from Ronald McAllister for the New Sand & Salt Shed.

Bids closed for the New Sand & Salt Shed on April 24th. They received two bids.

Road bands were lifted and William Ela filled holes on Lake Rd.

Carrie Garland had questions for selectmen. How do you feel about conflict of relatives on any board? Richard replied that they check with MMA and then correct any potential conflicts. As far as William Ela being road agent and Kathleen Ela being on the board, she cannot approve any rates of pay or payroll sheets of his, the other two selectmen handle those. Next question, why are jobs not put out to bid? Response- Because the Town has a Road Agent and they are not required to put out to bid any work under \$50,000.00.

Why aren't selectmen meetings videoed or livestreamed? Selectmen do not think it's necessary in a Town this small and we don't have any place to livestream it.

What can Town's people do to lower taxes for the school? Go to School Board meetings.

Warrant #10 for \$3,057.28 was approved and signed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM by Richard Meserve. The next selectmen's meeting will be held at 6:00PM on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Davis

