

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 13 2018

Opening: The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00PM on August 13, 2018 in Stow by John Plowden.

Present: Selectmen: John Plowden, Ray Ryan, and Margaret Robbins **Town Clerk:** Christine Carone
Treasurer/Secretary: Diana Davis **Road Agent:** Carl Drew **Residents:** Francis McInnis **Guest:** Gabe Watson

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved.

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

Town Clerk Business: Town Hall has been reserved for September 8th for Fernald Hill Homeowners Association annual meeting.

Treasurer Business: Diana emailed a copy of the Town's annual audit report to Maine Municipal Bond Bank as requested.

Open Issue: John O'Donnell has agreed to meet with selectmen to discuss a revaluation of the Town so that we can plan ahead for funding.

The Fema Grant for Kezar Lake Rd culvert repair has been granted for \$16,141.52. This will go back into the Roads & Bridges account when received.

There was a request at the budget meeting held in February by Carl Lindblade to John Plowden, Fire Chief, for some sort of financial audit. Do to conflict for John as selectmen and fire chief he has designated Ray to contact Carl for this matter. The contact at fire department should be Andrew Myers.

New Business: Interstate Snogors sent the Town a thank you for supporting their organization. Also they included a gift certificate at Weston's Farm Stand. A motion was made to give it to someone in need. All agreed and John will deliver it.

Francis McInnis and John dug test pits at the Sand & Salt Shed property. They found a range of materials from powdery sand, better gravel, and other sands.

MMA came to audit Sand & Salt Shed. They would like the Town to complete the roof access to upper box, reflective road carrier signs, sand shed for resident's use constructed, and any spills of hazardous materials need to be cleaned up. Selectmen will add the cleanup of spills to snow removal contract.

MMA has also said the Town should have letters from Saco Valley Fire Dept. and Fryeburg Rescue as agreements that they service our Town.

There was a discussion about the Town's excavator. Should it be sold and maybe purchase a rubber tired excavator which would be more useful for the Town due to the problem of not being able to move the one we have without a truck and lowbed. John will call MMA to see if we need to have a special Town Meeting for this decision.

It was also discussed whether the Town should consider in the future to buy our own equipment for snowplowing and repairing summer roads. Selectmen need to check into costs.

Bill Bains has resigned as E911 person. Selectmen will now be E911 committee.

Gabe Watson came in to ask questions about new snow contract he had picked. There are corrections that need to be done.

Gabe agreed to mix sand and salt when delivered for \$85.00 @ hour.

Board of Road Commissioners: There was an extensive meeting detailing road work that needs to be done and costs associated with repairs. These repairs will be done by Carl Drew as Road Agent and Francis McInnis will be employed by the Town to operate the excavator.

Washout on Deer Hill Rd was repaired and three days later it washed out again. More work needs to be done, plus ditching, and gravel brought in.

Cold patching has been started on Lake Rd and Union Hill Rd. We will need more cold patch ordered to finish all Town roads.

Culvert replacement on Union Hill Rd. Also grade and more material added to gravel section.

Lake Rd ditching with our excavator.

Selectmen approved road repairs totaling \$8000.00.

A temporary fix for Ezra Heald Bridge was planned to make it more compliant. Wear boards will be put on but need 4-6 weeks from ordering date to delivery date. Also installing rub rails.

Warrant #15 was amended from \$51,602.29 to \$51,602.62 approved and signed.

Warrant #16 for \$15,061.68 was approved and signed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM by John Plowden. The next selectmen's meeting will be held at 6:00PM on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Davis