

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 27 2018

Opening: The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00PM on August 27, 2018 in Stow by John Plowden.

Present: Selectmen: John Plowden, Ray Ryan, and Margaret Robbins **Town Clerk:** Christine Carone
Treasurer/Secretary: Diana Davis **Residents:** Carrie Garland, Andrew Myers, Roger Kiesman, and Steve Dupuis **Public:** Kyle Warren & Bill Perry

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 has taken two complaints about the condition of the Lake Rd. Another complaint about rocks piled too close to the Meadows Rd by resident. John will contact resident to move rocks back out of the right away of the road. The right away is two rods wide or thirty-three feet wide.

Someone from John O'Donnell's office will bring assessing property tax changes to Chris in order to get ready for committing 2018 taxes.

Chris asked the selectmen to clarify what the deadline for bids for snow plow contract is and when they were going to open them. John said September 15, 2018 is deadline and they will be opened September 24, 2018 at selectmen's meeting.

Treasurer Business: The Town received a dividend check for \$385.00 from MMA as a result of our good loss experience and loss prevention programs. Breakdown-Workers Comp-\$101.00, Property & Casualty-\$284.00

Public: Bill Perry came to discuss a petition that he is circulating to show Spectrum how much interest there is in Stow and Chatham to receive cable and get higher speed internet. The Board of Selectmen were all in support of the petition. They agreed to have a copy of the petition in the office for signatures. Bill will leave one at the Stow Corner Store. Ray also agreed to have one at his store, Spice and Grain, in Fryeburg.

Diana reminded the selectmen that Kevin Smart from Community Concepts Finance Corp may be able to help in the process of getting faster internet. Peg will contact him.

Kyle Warren came in to explain how his company can clear all brush and trees that have grown up on the sides of the roads. They have two machines. They cut and chip everything. He came in the spring, rode around roads, and measured them with John. They have two machines and charge \$150.00 @ hour for the bigger one and \$125.00 @ hour for smaller one. They run both at the same time. So it would cost \$2200.00 for an eight hour day. The distance they can cover depends on how dense the growth is on the sides of the road. Selectmen will discuss how much money they have to spend on this project and let Kyle know.

Roger Kiesman came to observe the meeting and answer any questions the board might have for him as a past selectmen.

Steve Dupuis came to discuss the mowing of the Hillcrest Cemetery. He has received some complaints.

Carrie Garland asked if the Town could change residential property to commercial property, for tax bases, because there are several residents growing medical marijuana. The Town doesn't have commercial property in zoning ordinances. Peg will call MMA to see if there is any way to tax them as a business.

Open Issue: Andrew Myers, representing the Saco Valley Fire Association, came to discuss the request of a resident to see an audit from the fire department. John recused himself. The rest of the board discussed it and came to the conclusion that this is not a Town matter and should be handle directly between the Fire Association and the resident.

The board, as the E911 committee, discussed needing a 300ft wheel measure for calculating addresses. They unanimously agreed and John will purchase one.

John will call John O'Donnell's office to setup a meeting to discuss re-evaluation.

Juneau lawsuit has been dropped upon attorney's advice.

New Business: The selectmen received an action letter from MMA detailing what needs to be done at the Sand & Salt Shed. They want the roof completed to upper box, Carl Drew will do that. Sand shed for resident's use will be a precast base and then build a roof. The Town would like to accept any donations of materials that could be useful. Carrie will post on website and the contact person will be Peg Robbins at 925-3151.

Board of Road Commissioners: Fred Wilson will fix one section of Lake Rd for \$1336.00. John asked him to look at the gravel sections of Union Hill Rd and see what he could do and estimate cost.

They are a getting price from Fred Wilson for grinding and removing rocks on Lake Rd.

They discussed the clearing of the sides of roads by Kylie Warren. They decided to approve two days of work. One day on the north end of Union Hill Rd starting at West Lovell line. Second day starting after dirt section on the south end of Union Hill Rd to Fryeburg line.

The replacement of a culvert on Union Hill Rd has been put on hold for now.

The reconciled bank statements for July were viewed and initialed.

Warrant #16 for \$5,670.42 was approved and signed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM by John Plowden. The next selectmen's meeting will be held at 6:00PM on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Davis