Windham VT Selectboard Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

In Person: Via Zoom:

Maureen Bell, Selectboard Chair Crystal Corriveau

Kord Scott, Selectboard Mike McLaine, Town Clerk

Vance Bell, various positions Pat McLaine, Auditor

Dawn Bower, various positions Eileen Widger, various positions

Louise Johnson, Town MHC

Tom Johnson, various positions

Kathy Jungermann, various positions

Gail Wyman, Assistant Treasurer

**Call to Order:**

Maureen announced the meeting and called it to order at 5:31 PM

**Additions to Agenda/Announcements/Reminders**

Maureen received a question from Kathy J (co-Emergency Management Director) regarding any recent storm damage. Simple answer is “nothing significant” except a tree that was on the Emerald Ash Borer list to come down anyway.

**Act on minutes from July 5 Regular and July 9 Special Selectboard Meetings**

Motion: To accept the minutes of both Selectboard Meetings – moved by Maureen. Kord and Maureen voted in favor.

**Public Comment**

Dawn has concerns about the driveway the new owners of the house across the street from The Meeting House installed. She feels it looks like a road, rather than a driveway and is concerned about people turning there and then winding up in a ditch. Kord and Richard will take a look at it.

**Correspondence**

There was none.

**New Business:**

**September 6 (Labor Day) meeting**

After a brief discussion and mention that people were surprised we held a regular meeting on July 5 (the National holiday for July 4 this year) it was determined that it was OK to hold our regularly scheduled meeting on this date. Just FYI, the vote for the School issue will be the next day, September 7.

**Old Business:**

**Petition (to Selectboard) for School Choice – defective, therefore invalid**

A second petition on this matter was correctly submitted to the **School Board** and they are dealing with it. As noted above, the vote is scheduled for September 7.

**Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update information**

As was mentioned at a previous meeting, our Plan has expired. Imme Maurath and Kathy J (co-EMDs) have begun the process to get moving on this. We have applied for a FEMA grant to revamp the mitigation plan. The town expects to hear from FEMA and from their mitigation planner.

**Animal Control Officer Status/Animal Complaint (new)**

A new complaint was received. Kord spoke with Ashley Pinger, the new Animal Control Officer (ACO) in the Windham County Sheriff’s office, who is meeting with a resident on Route 121 (Ronald Van Gasbeck) who has complained about dogs that bark and other non-animal-related issues. The ACO will speak to the individual to determine next steps. These aren’t necessarily things she needs to deal with. With regard to the old complaint, the on-going issue with Clays, Ashley wants to personally introduce herself to him/them and inform the owner that she will seize the animals if they continue to run at large. Windham has a contract with Humane Society to receive the dogs.

**The Meeting House:**

**Septic/Plumbing update**

Kudos to Tom Johnson for doing the preliminary investigation. There appears to be some kind of clog between kitchen sink and main septic line. Since we don’t know when the line was last pumped, the decision has been made to pump out the tank and start with a new baseline. Dorr is scheduled to pump the tank on July 28. Costs include $250 to pump the tank plus $0.18 per gallon pumped for disposal. Additionally, it is $250 per hour on-site time to use the jetter to clean it all out. Dorr recommends pumping out the tank every 5 years. Kord will call Dorr at 8:30 on 28th. Maureen or Kord will be available to let Dorr in to do the work.

**Tree Work update**

Bob Kehoe (Sparky Electric) double-checked the lines coming into the building. One is the power source and the other was the defunct Sovernet internet line. First Light took over for that company; Kord was in touch and they removed the line. Green Mountain Power will disconnect the line in the morning while Michael Longo takes down a tree. They’ll come back in the afternoon and put it back. Tuesdays and Fridays would be the best days to do it as no one is scheduled to meet in the building those days. Kord will try to schedule thusly.

**Kitchen Door Stairs**

Someone inquired about when they will be replaced. Pete Newton advised that he intends to get them done this week.

**Payroll and Bills:**

Everything looked in order for signing. Maureen signed.

**Adjournment:**

Motion: To adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 5:52 PM – moved by Kord. Kord and Maureen voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Bell

Acting Selectboard Clerk, with assistance from Pat McLaine