

Minutes July 10, 2017

Present: Carl Russell, Chris Jarvis, Vanessa Brown, Moe Brigham, Paul Vallee, Greg Maggard.
Others: Geneva Gaiko, Doug Marshall, Lisa Campbell, David Aldrighetti, Joanne Marshall, Sally Wiernasz, Sam Carlson, Jose Lazo, Corey Stearns.

Call to Order of Regular Meeting: Russell called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Brigham made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Vallee. Motion approved 4-0

Public Comment or Inquiry

1. No Public Comment or Inquiry.

Appointments

1. Jose Lazo from the Energy Commission discussed a grant they received for \$1,000.00 which will give the Commission the ability to hire an intern to help with several tasks; such as energy data and researching an electrical charging station in town. Lazo received permission from the board to advertise for the internship and would like to expand the number of hours available. Jarvis explained that the town does allow some up-front costs on projects and that this would be a reasonable expense. Name made a motion that the Town pay for the advertisement of the position out of the ??? fund. Second Name. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Corey Stearns from the Recreation Committee showed the board options for the skate park designs. The Recreation Committee has received permission to use some of their funds to have an on sight visit from one of the companies that has created a suggested design. Stearns also mentioned that the Recreation Committee is looking at other grant opportunities to help with the budget.
3. Sam Carlson from Green Lantern Solar spoke briefly about wanting to discuss a solar project at the Landfill. Russell explained this had to be presented to the Solid waste joint board.

Reports, Motions and Ordinances

1. Maggard discussed the gravel road inventory. He explained that this report will hopefully be incorporated into the TROC information when they move forward with their hydrologically connected roads grant. He explained that Bethel has approximately 60-65 miles of hydrologically connected roads. He also explained that the grant is an 80/20 grant and the dollar amount will depend on the number of applicants.
2. Jarvis asked how the road crew was keeping up with all of the heavy rain that has affected our backroads. Marshall explained they are getting caught up, have replaced some culverts and will be doing some grading. Maggard discussed possibly replacing some of the many undersized culverts so that damage in the future will be limited. Many of the current culverts are too small and cannot handle the heavy rain.

3. David Aldrighetti discussed the breakdown in communication with the last heavy rain storm and how it shows we need to update our emergency planning and to remind people to dial 911. Maggard informed the board that there will be an Emergency Planning Committee meeting to discuss this process and get something better in place. The Board also discussed with Aldrighetti scheduling a joint meeting with the Fire Department and the Board. Aldrighetti will plan to attend the next Board meeting on July 24th as well.
4. Board reviewed the tax rate and explained it is based on the town budget.
5. There is a request to change the name of Vermont Castings Road to the name of land owner Dola Dart.

Town Manager's Report

1. Maggard told the board he is down to 3 applicants for road foreman and they all have interviews this week. Vallee, Brigham and Maggard will be doing the interviews and hope to make a decision later this week.
2. Russell noted that the Status Action Item List is much smaller.
3. Maggard noted the water leak at Dandelion Acres has been repaired. Maggard also discussed that Kelly is creating a graphing chart of utilities data to document and detect water leaks.

Other Business:

Russell discussed the event at the Fish Hatchery and that there was discussion on adding a brook trout to the mural that will be placed on the retaining wall. The artist will incorporate this into the mural with the fish facing town. Peter Welch attended the opening and followed his visit with a tour of Main Street with members of the BRI.

Minutes and Communications

1. The minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.
2. Board made note of various minutes and communications in packets.

There being no other business the regular meeting was closed and the board went into Executive Session at 7:10 PM. The board came out of executive session at 7:48 PM.

The board adjourned at 7:49PM.