

SB 8-14-17

Call to Order, 6:00

Approval of Agenda, Chris Jarvis asked about the status of Irene debt, will be on next agenda

Public Comment or Inquiry -

Present, Greg Maggard, TM, Moe Brigham, Carl Russell, Vanessa Brown, Paul Vallee, Chris Jarvis
Community - Geneva Gaiko, Sally Wiernasz, Alan Patton, Doug Marshall, Julie Hinman,

Alan Patton, New Highway Foreman. Introductions. Moved here with his family from Buena Vista, CO. Discussed some of his work history in the US and South America. Looking forward to this new adventure!

Alex Riesterer - White River Valley Ramblers - To request permission to use the standard road crossings during the season. The SB stipulated that this is an annual request. Riesterer also mentioned a wash at a culvert that will need to be addressed. Russell asked that the group create a printed list of crossings, and class four roads. (Jarvis moved. Moe second. All in favor.) Any actual work that needs to be done will need to be discussed further at the board level

BRI - Temporary Signage in Town - Julie Hinman representing BRI. Requesting permission, that the BRI be allowed to put the way finder signs (that were up during BBB). The street light poles will be OK, stay away from the utility poles. They will stay up through the fall, and then next spring if they are still in good shape. (Authorized Maggard to give them a waiver, once they submit a diagram of where they will be. Moe moved, Brown second, all in favor)

Coin Drops, Road Closures, and activities with in the right of way, other than large events to go through
Town Manager -

Maggard noted that state statute allowed for this to occur. Discussion around making sure the groups get connected with the signage and the packet. Brown asked that the SB be notified when they are occurring. Brown moved, Paul second, all in favor). Jarvis expressed concern that sometimes there isn't enough signage, and Maggard suggested that the town could create their own signs to be issued to the group doing the coin drop.

VT Volunteer Humane Society Coin Drop September 16, 2107 (will be covered by previous motions.

Forward Festival Coin Drop, August 19th, 2017 (will be covered by the previous motion)

Review of Draft, Class 4 Highway Policy - Maggard present a draft of the highway policy, which was taken from the state guidelines, and tweaked for Bethel's purposes. Developed to go with the ordinances. Will delineate who can make upgrades on Class 4 Roads, and stipulations regarding how those upgrades need to be done. Russell cited some history of the town providing the correct size culverts needed for the work on the public right of way. There was some discussion of the difference between an easement and right of way under Vermont law, and how that might impact permitted work on those roads. Moe would like to see the roads posted to limit use of wheeled vehicles (during snow

and mud season). Language changed from “maybe” to “will be”. Adopted by the SB. Moe moved, Brown second, all in favor.

Review of Draft, Highway Ordinance - Maggard presented a draft regarding highway ordinances. Used the ordinances from two or three towns, and molded it for Bethel’s use. This allows a more intentional approach to work done on the town’s roads. The SB likes the idea, and would like Maggard to finalize the draft.

Continuation of VT Castings Road Name Change - change to Noble Farm Rd? - Maggard noted that State statute allows the town to change the names of streets. Requires a warned hearing. Can occur at a regularly scheduled SB meeting. Moe moved that we leave the road name the way it is. Brown second, all in favor.

Town managers’ report

Status update -report in packet.

Fish mural is going along smoothly. Vallee had been contacted by CAX. he referred them to Rebecca.

Direct deposit has been taken care of, and will be used during next pay period.

Maggard and Patton will be meeting with TRORC over the Better Roads Grant.

Maggard says that working with TRORC and VLCT is going well.

Maggard has a handful of good applications for the finance position.

Maggard has not heard anything further from the Green Lantern solar group. The SB would like to see an update on the potential lease at the next meeting.

TM Admin Report

Minutes and communications

SB, 7-24, 2017 - Moe, moved to accept the minutes. Paul second. all in favor.

Committee Minutes -

Other Communications - Jarvis has heard from a couple of residents at the corner of Pleasant St and Church St, about the speed of vehicles going around the corner. Patton spoke positively regarding upgraded flashing signs and the impact on traffic speed in the town he just left. Russell suggested that TRORC could do a traffic study to get some data to use in making these decisions.

Discussed and approved tax documents from Maggard. Moe moved, Paul second. all in favor.

Any other business?

Adjourn 7:34.