

Select Board

4/13/2020

In attendance: Cindy Abbott, Alyssa Brugger, Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Travis Price, Dylan Turner, and Brian Jones.

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Fire Chief Jim Watermen, not present, had a busy day assisting a fire in Montville and Palermo.

Jim is concerned at how long it took Pleasant Street to get back online- the street that houses emergency response. Would like to call CMP and see if this can be corrected.

Public Works Director Travis Price questions whose responsibility is it to take care of wood obstructing roadway, culverts, etc. Steve and the Select Board feel it might be easier to ask a local business to clean it up for wood chips. Travis feels this business would require payment as well as wood. Another idea was asking for volunteers; however the Select Board feels this would be too risky.

Select Board will call three local businesses' and price compare, then finalize their decision as to what to do with fallen wood.

Plugged culvert near Brian Jones house, it's used for a wood lot. Public Works unclogged it, slight damage to the hot top, hoping to fix it before too much damage. Waste Management will be calling Travis to set up an appointment to view the Skidgell Lot possibly this week or next.

Two culvert applications in the works, they should be contacting Travis soon.

Treasurer's Report presented by Alyssa Brugger; Payroll is \$3,231.47, A/P is \$1925.51, and second A/P warrant for out of town excise is 1029.87. Ending checkbook balance is \$119, 502.74.

Ron makes a motion to approve Payroll warrant and A/P warrants (excise as well), Elaine seconds. Unanimous.

Town Clerk Cindy Abbott reports that working remotely has gone smoothly. The phones switched to her line fine all weekend, as well as using the portal. Updating, reviewing, and creating policies will be happening soon. Will policies need to be signed individually or a signed blanket policy (electronically) once they are all done. Cindy will send current policies this week for review.

Town Official Reports: Nothing to report.

General Assistances: Nothing to report, one application sent out.

Committees: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Steve is concerned about the Post Office lease after the recent news about the President refusing to sign bills and threatening a veto of the Coronavirus Relief Act if funding to bail out the Post Office was included. The USPS has stated that without emergency funding it may have to shut down all post offices nationwide as early as this summer. We signed a lease renewal agreement with the USPS two months ago but have not received a return agreement as promised. He is concerned that the town would lose an annual source of income of over \$10,000. The town would not only lose a source of income, but more importantly, all Americans, would lose a source of delivery, including medical supplies. Rural Americans would be particularly hard hit by this irresponsible act.

Farmers market at the Mill on Saturday was blocking traffic, making it difficult for CMP or medical personnel to access water if needed. If they could possibly move to the ballfield? Ron will get ahold of Ms. French to see if a solution can be found.

A concerned citizen had a complaint last week regarding a local business and not following the social distancing protocol. Steve has spoken to the business owner and they have taken multiple precautions to ensure everyone's- staff and customers- comfort and safety.

Steve makes a motion to adjourn, Elaine seconds motion. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm