

Select Board

7/13/2020

Present: Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Cindy Abbott, Elaine Higgins, Alyssa Brugger, Laura Greeley, Travis Price, Jim Watermen, Dylan Turner, Meredith Coffin, Courtney Abbott, Tammy MacTaggart, Nathan McCann, Annmarie Adamson, Blake T,

Fire chief Jim Watermen hose testing and ladder testing done. Hard suction was all done with a vacuum. Lost a few feet from the large diameter hose. A Concern was raised over the Anderson house. Jim has been unable to reach any of the owners. Possibly have code enforcement officer notify them that it is a hazard and they need to deal with it. Possibly take off roof and have a control burn.

Steve makes a motion to contact Jacki to send a certified letter on behalf of the town that the Property - house only- needs to be properly dealt with. Elaine seconds motion. Unanimous.

Public works director Travis Price Han's Schmidt is interested in taking firewood out of brush pile left over from the storm cleanup. He has his w-9 and all required paperwork as well as all equipment necessary. Once the pile is thinned out the fire department is willing to burn the remainder of the pile. Possibly make up a liability release form from our insurance company. Ditching on Goosepecker going well, lots of material that needed to be moved. Travis will be saving one of the trailers from the Skidgel Lot to store hay and staging for security. No start date yet for Waste Management and the Skidgell lot.

Daimen Ingraham's name is not on homestead application but is looking for an abatement. Can they apply reimbursement now, or do they wait until next year? Since we have already committed taxes unsure what to do, they can discuss further. Upon further discussion application will not be accepted this year but will be accepted next year.

Select Board wanted to thank the public works for setting up for the special meeting this Saturday.

Citizen issues: There is concern over rats regarding Skidgell lot. Steve spoke with Waste Management regarding issue. After spending hours down there he has not seen very many. Travis has also not seen much for activity regarding rats. A local business uses poison to deter rats. Waste management suggested putting out Have a Heart traps and see how many we catch. If there are a lot then we know we have an issue, if we don't catch many then no concerns.

Who will monitor traps, possibly the animal control officer?

Is there another way to determine if there is a rat's nest?

Laura Greeley has concerns over previous rat issues. In her opinion it is the responsibility of town to take care of issue because getting rid of the rats was the main reason for buying the property. Steve says that was not the main reason for purchasing the property. The town bought it because it was a public eyesore, and needed to be cleaned up. Getting rid of the rats is of course important, but not the main reason. The State does not hand out \$124,000 to get rid of rats. Steve is concerned about it, as he stated Saturday. Only idea he has right now is to set up traps and has a couple live traps that the town could use. If there is no food there perhaps the problem has moved on.

Blake comments that people want to clean up the lot, but just want more assurance that there is some help with rat traps. If town is willing to purchase traps for \$500 he will personally take

care of traps and disposal. Afterward the town will have traps back. Elaine suggests using Steve Bennett's traps first and seeing what happens.

Conversation regarding who should take the burden of traps, etc continued for a while. Tammy Mactaggert has about 10 Have a Heart traps the town can borrow to see what happens, Blake will monitor traps.

Ron makes a motion to borrow Steve and Tammy's traps and monitor for 30 days and see if the town needs to take further steps. Steve seconds motion. Unanimous.

Steve will call MMA regarding Blake being down there checking traps as a volunteer.

Minutes:

June 15th Ron makes motion to accept, Steve seconds. Unanimous.

June 22nd Steve makes a motion to accept, Elaine seconds. Unanimous.

June 29th waiting for correction.

July 7th Ron makes motion to correct with amendment, Elaine seconds.

Treasurers report presented by Alyssa Brugger, payroll warrant \$6,419.41, AP is \$9,095.95. Ending checkbook balance is \$307,770.11.

Alyssa will double check post office carry over account for revenue.

Ron makes motion to accept AP and payroll this week, Elaine seconds motion. Unanimous.

Town Clerk Cindy Abbott presents abatement for Jim Watermen, Ron makes motion to approve abatement, Steve seconds motion. Unanimous.

A second abatement regarding two properties on Goosepecker and Glidden roads need to be signed regarding a mix up.

There was also concern over a tiny house and whether or not it was being taxed.

117 absentee ballots already in. Voting will be from 8:00am-8:00pm tomorrow. Kristy will be in tomorrow so the town office will be open. Cindy has setup the election hall so there is an entrance and exit and 6 foot spacing.

Office hours will be changing to Monday through Thursday and closed Friday. Kristy would still do the first Saturday. So the new hours would be Monday 9-6, Tuesday through Thursday would be 9:00-3:30. First Saturday of every month would stay the same.

Ron makes a motion to change policy to reflect new hours, Elaine seconds motion. Unanimous.

Cindy is wondering about out of town excise taxes. There are 2 or 3 towns that do not have a town clerk or that have new clerks. The Select Board isn't opposed to the idea, they will leave it up to Cindy until the neighboring towns are back on their feet. Cindy asked if she could keep and split some of the clerk fees to compensate for some of the hours she and Alyssa will put in. They get \$6 for new registrations and \$7 for re-registrations. Elaine would like to have a spreadsheet and an exact number for next week's meeting before making a decision. The other members agreed.

Steve sees a lot of building going on around town. Steve is in favor of it, but would like to know more about what's going on. A question was raised as to where the permit checklist for each project should go- Cindy thinks it should go in front of the folders for each project. This will be asked of Jacki and she should be able to give us a report. Steve would like to have a meeting with Jacki to discuss all this.

Map 11 lot 69 not in books but on map.

There is a disabled veteran who has asked about waiving excise taxes. Cindy has explained to this individual already. Excise taxes can be waived for a disabled veteran, but only if the veteran is blind or has lost a limb. Cindy will call this individual again..

Dirigo grange has contacted the Board and would like their donation from town. This will be on next week's AP warrant.

Discussion over the Boynton lot on Stevens Road, house in disrepair and is falling down, they will discuss what can be done with Jacki.

Steve spoke with the Haskells regarding getting water out of pond, Haskell feels he did not do any damage to the ramp. Haskell knows there are others that go and pump water out of it. It is an unusual pond with a large water shed that completely flushes itself 1.5 times a year. The Board has spoken to Haskell regarding getting a longer hose.

Policy Book: need to finalize two more policies, total is now 31. Still need a cash-handling policy and an employee policy. Other possible policies are a code of ethics for town employees. drug testing policy, certificate of occupancy, dangerous building policy, and a policy regarding access to public records.

The Select Board will need to double check policies on the website.

Montville trash pick-up agreement finalized, would like to start this Saturday. Select Board signed contract starting this Saturday the 18th for 52 weeks.

Executive session MRSA Ron makes motion to go into executive session, Elaine seconds motion. Unanimous.

Executive session ended at 8:56

Meeting adjourned at 8:57