

Board of Selectmen Meeting

January 7, 2020

7:00 PM Town Hall

Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans and Paul Madore

Others: Phylis Bernard and Wylie Wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments

Wylie Wood inquired about the amount of salt being used on the roads this year. He noticed that there seems to be less areas accumulated with salt and more sand which he was happy about. Matt Riiska commented that public works is trying to use more sand on the rural roads but they do use more salt in the hilly areas, intersections and the center of town.

Minutes: December 3, 2019

MOTION S. Evans to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Appointment/Reappointment: Zoning Board of Appeals & Board of Finance

MOTION S. Evans to reappoint Melissa Robinson to Zoning Board of Appeals until the next municipal election with term to expire 11/19/21. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to appoint Susan Anderson as an alternate to the Board of Finance with the term to expire 11/19/21. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Selectmen's Report

- M. Riiska received an e-mail from Dawn Whalen (The Norfolk Hub) today regarding her concerns with the recent police activity and safety in the center of town. She will be holding a meeting at The Hub on Friday, January 10th at 9:00 with local businesses to discuss downtown safety and actions that can be taken.
- Daryl Byrne, Fire Marshal, brought to Matt's attention that three sets of double doors at Botelle School are in violation. They are warped and need to be replaced. M. Riiska has been in contact with the manufacturer but got no help. He did get a price of \$9,342.00 from United Construction to replace the doors. This includes materials and installation. M. Riiska will talk to the Board of Finance before replacing doors.
- Mountain Road Bridge – Last night there was a public information meeting held with Cardinal Engineering regarding bridge replacement, followed by a Wetlands Meeting. The bridge design will be done by the end of the month at which time we can go out for quotes. The new design will include guiderails on each side of the bridge to meet State DOT regulations but the main bridge will remain the same. Discussion regarding financing and State reimbursement (50/50 split). Hopefully this project will begin late this Summer and should take approximately two months.

- River Place Bridge – approved by the Federal Government and the State of CT DOT. \$284,000 put aside two years ago for work. We should get 80% back from the State. By the time we go through all the processes it will probably be two years before work begins.
- The new bus had its first riders today. We will be asking riders for a small donation similar to what Northwest Transit does. Peter O'Brien and Martha McLellan are the two current drivers. The Congregational Church will be utilizing the bus this weekend for a trip to a UConn basketball game. They will reimburse the town for expenses (\$18/hour for driver and .55 cents/mile).
- Botelle School oil tank is reaching its 30 year mark at which point the DEEP requires extra testing. M. Riiska is working on the replacement process and is hoping to get it replaced this Summer. This will be an 8,000 gallon underground tank. We need to establish a Building Committee which will include Matt Riiska, Sandy Evans, Paul Madore, Neil Daley (school custodian) and Donna Rubin (BOE building & grounds).
- New firehouse – M. Riiska spoke with Ron Zanobi about starting a Building Committee but unfortunately there are no funds available at this time.
- M. Riiska will like to use any State of CT STEAP money for new sidewalks and/or the refurbishment of Maple Avenue. We currently have new plans and specs for sidewalks and WMC Engineering has plans that are a few years old for Maple Avenue that we may still be able to use.

2/3 Vote

MOTION S. Evans to add three resolutions for the Botelle School oil tank replacement to the agenda. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

- M. Riiska read three resolutions to be added to the agenda for the replacement of the Botelle School oil tank. The resolutions cover establishing a building committee, authorizing drawings and specifications and authorizing the BOE to apply for grant (copy of the resolutions attached and a permanent part of this record).

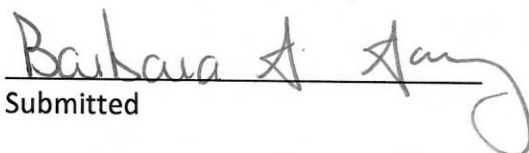
MOTION P. Madore to approve the resolutions. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

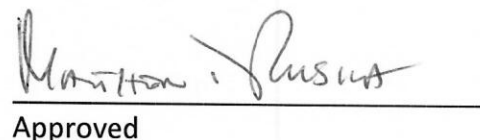
Executive Session – Discussion of Public Works Supervisor Position

Began at 7:45 p.m. – ended at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION S. Evans to offer the Public Works Supervisor position to Troy LeMere. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Troy will be contacted to come in to sign employment agreement.


Submitted


Approved