

Draft North Hero Selectboard Meeting
 Monday, March 01, 2010
 Board Meeting Room/Town Office
 5:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard: Marie Kilbride, Andre Quintin, Eileen Mitchell and
 Robert Rousseau
 Absent: Jim Martin
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Pete Johnson
Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Public Works: Kevin Daignault
Animal Control Person: Doug Ward

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Marie Kilbride at 5:30 P.M.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Warrant with attached invoices in the amount of \$354,471.36 was distributed for Board review.
Warrant was signed for payment by Marie Kilbride, Robert Rousseau, Eileen Mitchell, and Andre Quintin

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

No adjustment of the agenda at this time of the meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 15, 2010

Eileen Mitchell made a motion that the minutes of February 15, 2010 be accepted as read. This motion was seconded by Robert Rousseau... hearing no further discussion the motion was carried 3-0.
Note: Marie Kilbride was not in attendance at the February 15, 2010 meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time in the meeting...

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Cost for storage trailer
Kevin shared the two quotes that he received.. \$2,450.50 (40 feet) and \$2,250.00 (20 feet).
Andre volunteered to check on another source for a price... future agenda item.

Road Striping –Vtrans .letter
Title 19, Section 311 of the Vermont Statues requires the Agency of Transportation

to mark the centerline on all paved Class 1 and 2 Town highways.
The office of Russell Velander, Traffic Operations Supervisor, needs to be informed which class 2 roads in our town are scheduled for repair and/or treatment. Their painting season runs from May 1st to November 1st.

Note: Kevin was asked to forward information to the Traffic Operation Shop.

Grant Programs – Vtrans Operations, Dist # 8

Jim Smith coming on Tuesday to help Kevin with the grant writing. Kevin was asked to be in touch with Jim Martin to inform him of Jim Smith's upcoming visit. Applications must be received by March 26, 2010 to receive high priority. Kevin shared that the Grant would be written for West Shore Road.. i.e. new culverts, replace part of West Shore Road, etc.

Acknowledgement of Workshop attendance – Work Zone and Flagging Workshop

Board acknowledgement of attendance from Sally Collopy, Director for Patrick Loyer and Kevin Daignault at the Work Zone and Flagging Workshop in Milton, Vermont on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Board asked Pete Johnson to see that a copy of this memo was placed in Patrick and Kevin's permanent record.

At this time, Kevin, shared that the workshop that Doug and Jeff Gratton attended was not a certified workshop. They will be attending a workshop in June whereby they will receive certification for their attendance. (re: Work Zone and Flagging Workshop)

Beaver issues...

Andre explained that concern citizens have expressed their concern and that he encouraged them to attend the evening meeting to discuss them with the Board. With none of them attending this meeting the Board briefly discussed....

- beavers not a problem at this time for any of the Town roads.
- Landowner will have to take care of their own problems with beaver issues happening on their property.
- Trapping of beavers vs. shooting beavers
- Kevin will send a letter to property owners on Bridge Road where, in the past, a problem has existed.

A list of property owners with beaver problems was given to each Board member.

Inventory

An inventory was taken by Public Works for the content in the trailer near the Town Office. The following list was given to the Board:

- Old dishwasher
- Old sink
- Old cabinet with top
- File cabinets
- Book shelf
- Long old wooden table
- 2 small desk tables
- old garden hose
- old vacuum
- old piano

Discussion.... file cabinets do have materials in them belonging to the Listers.
The Historical Society has expressed an interest in the old dishwasher and the sink.
The Board agreed that a memo will be sent to the various North Hero Boards asking if they would like any of the articles.. Following the re-action from these Boards - the content could be given to the Fire Department Flea Market.

Mowing

Kevin presented the Board with a "North Hero Town Mowing Bid" from M & J Lawn Care.

Discussion...

- Town has not advertised for bids
- Town employees will be doing the mowing

Note: This bid received will be attached to the Town Clerk's copy of the minutes for this meeting.

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Grant submitted for lighting

Pete reported that Dwayne Cormier worked with him on the submitting on a grant to the "Election Folks" for lighting. The grant has a figure of \$5,000.00. Pete will keep the Board posted

Delinquent Taxes

Pete updated the Board on the amount of delinquent taxes at this time...

The continuance for delinquent taxes for 2007-2008 was referenced.

Pete will be drafting a town policy for delinquent taxes. This draft will be shared with the Board for their input at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

Dog Ordinance

Board agreed on the following changes...

- Section 2.. c remove the words = without provocation
- Sectoin 3.. b remove the words = without provocation
- Section 5.. a remove the sentences starting with "Exceptions to this include working" to the end of that paragraph.

Andre Quintin made a motion to amend (the Dog Ordinance that was approved on September 21, 2009) and to now approve , after reviewing the suggestions by Deb Brown, the Advisory Committee, and Doug Ward effective March 03, 2010. This motion was seconded by Robert Rousseau.. hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 4-0.

Note: Dog Ordinance will be placed in 5 public places:

- Town Clerk's Office
- Town Web Site
- Harborside Market
- Hero's Welcome
- North Hero School

Ancient Roads

Discussion on the draft received from Attorney Gillies on how the public notice hearing should appear, etc.

Town of North Hero Discontinuance Ancient Town Roads

The North Hero Selectboard will hold a public hearing on the discontinuance

of all town ancient roads that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measurement of town highways filed with the town clerk on January 19, 2010 at the North Town Office Meeting Room beginning at 5:30 P.M. on April 19, 2010.

March 03, 2010

A copy of the most recent official town highway map is located at the Town Clerk's Office..

Following the public hearing, the Selectboard may vote to discontinue all of these so-called ancient highways. Voters equal to five percent of the checklist who disagree with this decision have 44 days to file a petition signed by them with the Selectboard to require a town meeting vote on disapproving the Selectboard's vote. If no petition is submitted, the Selectboard's disapproval will take effect on the 45th day following the Selectboard vote: if a petition is submitted, and the town vote fails to disapprove the Selectboard's action, disapproval takes effect at the conclusion of the meeting; if the town vote succeeds in disapproving the Selectboard's action, there will be no discontinuance of these roads.

Dated this... day of March, 2010 at North Hero, Vermont

Robert Rousseau
North Hero Selectboard

Attest: _____
Peter Johnson, Town Clerk

Robert Rousseau made a motion to move forward with the mass discontinuance of all Town ancient roads that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measurement of town highways filed with the town clerk. This motion was seconded by Andre Quintin... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Water Board: Signature for Proposed Water Tower Lease with State .. Robert Rousseau

Robert Rousseau explained the change in the agreement lease after said lease was signed by the Chair of the North Hero Board...

Page 2... Number 4... Access; Use... last sentence was added "The Tenant shall provide eight remotes for use by the Landlord and shall be responsible for maintenance of the gate and remotes."

Robert went on to explain that by error this was omitted and it was picked up by Roger Barry, the AOT facilities manager... the Water Board was aware of this being discussed prior to the lease being written.

Robert Rousseau made a motion to amend the signing by the Chair of the Board

on the original copy and to have the Chair of the North Hero Selectboard sign the lease as presented this evening.. this motion was seconded by Eileen Mitchell... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.. Andre Quintin opposed this motion.

At this time of the meeting Robert Rousseau reported to the Board that the Water Board has restricted man hours for the Water Board Operator and Assistant Water Board Operator at their last meeting. In - the past the Chair of the Board was in command of this decision – now the Water Board has established a new chain of command that will approve additional man hours.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR SHARING.. DISCUSSION/ACTION

VNA Walk-a-thon Letter

Memo from Catherine Shearer... re: VNA Coming to Town was reviewed. The VNA of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties is sponsoring Way to Go!, a virtual Walk-a-thon. March 1 –20. People could register for the event as individuals or teams and receive a pedometer. If North Hero wanted to share 1-2 sentence facts about North Hero it should be sent to them.

NRPC – Energy Audit Letter

Discussion... reference was made that perhaps the Town Garage could receive an audit. It was also noted that the form had to be returned by March 01, 2010. Board agreed to pass on this at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR SHARING.. INFORMATION

DRB Findings and Decisions

=Baker

=Suprenant

=Deem

Information received was circulated to each Board member for their awareness.

VT Local Roads Management Academy

The 2010 –2011 Management Academy ... info on the 10 workshops does appear in the brochure received... brochure filed in the Selectboard file cabinet.

Regional Energy Committee Meeting

Brochure for meeting that was held on February 09, 2010 was circulated.

VNA Care brochure

Placed on the table for Board review.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Newsletters for January and February placed on the table for Board review.

Workshops

The Road Drainage and All About Asphalt Pavements Workshop info was shared.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was not needed this evening.

AGENDA BUILDING

March 15th... Public Works = Cost for storage trailer... Andre Quintin
= Update on Grant for West Shore Road...
(Grant applications due March 26, 2010)

ADJOURNMENT

Andre Quintin made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:10 P.M. This motion was seconded by Robert Rousseau.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

C: Selectboard Andre Quintin, Robert Rousseau, Eileen Mitchell, Jim Martin and Marie Kilbride
Town Clerk
Web Page
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