

WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Williamstown Middle/High School Library

Present: Francis Covey, Matt Rouleau, Jasmine Coulliard, Jessica Worn and Chris Wade.

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing to throw up George Road from Coolidge Farm to the Hebert Road Intersection. No questions were asked. Francis stated that this section of road consisted of mainly ditches and trees. Second and final Public Hearing will be held on October 14, 2019 for final decision.

Set the Agenda – Francis made motion to accept the agenda as amended adding approval of SB978. Jasmin Second. So moved.

Review Public Comments - None

SB Announcements – Matt stated that he and Jasmin had visited the McGuire property on Young Road. They continue to clean up the trash on the property and are making progress. Matt also stated that the dogs have rabies shots but are still not licensed.

Public Announcements – Becky Watson announced that Sarah Snow the librarian was giving a presentation on September 10, at 6:30 and that Carlton Young was giving a presentation on September 17th at 6:30 on the book he has written. Also the Annual Meeting/Pot Luck will be held on October 5, 2019 with live fiddler music to follow.

Approve the Minutes – Jessica made motion to approve the 8/12/19 Selectboard minutes with the addition of accepting the Health Commissioners revoking Arthur Kramer as the town Health Officer. Jasmin second. So moved.

Review and Approval of Warrants – Francis made motion to approve Payroll 8/18/19 and 9/1/19 and SB962, SB968, SB978 and SB9721. Jessica second. So moved. Matt also asked that a better description of payments be put in place on the warrants. Jackie will speak with the Treasurer on changes. Possibly add chart of account numbers.

New Business –

Winchester Hill Road Reclassification Request - Becky Watson and Greg Donahue had submitted a letter asking that the town either maintain the class 4 road section or revert it back to the landowners. Jackie commented that the town had given class 4 road funds multiple times to Locust Lake to maintain the road. Rodney Graham stated that the road sits in a gully and there is no room for ditching. Selectboard will do a site visit on 9/16/19 at 5:30 p.m. Jackie will contact Greg Donahue and the Parks Service for Ainsworth State Park to attend the site visit.

Fire Truck Loan Paperwork – Francis made motion to approve the \$80,000.00 loan with Peoples United for the fire truck for a 4 year period at 2.85% interest and to adopt the borrowing resolution. Jasmin second. So moved.

Fire Department Billing Ordinance – Matt stated that he agreed with the principle of the ordinance but would like have the town attorney review. Also the portion of the ordinance that would give an incentive property tax credit to firefighters should be changed to a stipend as not

all firefighters own property in town. Francis stated that if it passes legal muster he would support 100%. Jackie will submit to town attorney for review.

Ladder Truck Repairs – The Fire Chief explained that a recent inspection which the ladder truck passed showed that the seals were leaking and also the connection of the extension system has a bow where the pins attach. Norwood Southworth has been working with the company LTC to get cost for repairs. The Chief stated that before any of these repairs were made that the company would do a bumper to bumper inspection to see if there were any other concerns or repairs needed. If no other issues are confirmed than they could proceed with replacing seals and repairing extension system. He also stated that the truck is still operational but would need to be sent to Pennsylvania for repairs in January and would be out of commission for a month. The worst case scenario cost would be \$44,500.00. Jasmine moved to have repairs done not to exceed \$44,500.00. Francis second.

Animal Control Issue – Samantha Puncher, Random Rescue (Animal Control Officer), Sheila McGregor, Heidi's Haven Rescue, Don Angolano, Health Officer all attended the meeting to clear up allegations posted on social media in regards to a dog that was being held at Heidi's Haven. Matt stated that he had visited Heidi's Haven and found no mistreatment of the animals held there. Don also made an un-announced site visit and spent three hours doing rounds and walking the dogs with Sheila. He also stated that he found no mistreatment or red flags in regards to how the dogs are housed, fed, watered and treated. He commented that the dogs look up to Sheila and she is definitely their Alfa. Samantha and Sheila both explained the timeline of events with dog picked up at the Martin Farm. Don expressed that he has done an investigation after seeing the social media posts and had reached out to the dog owner to meet and see the dog several times and she would not respond to him. Cindy Cross Greenia submitted her concerns with using Heidi's Haven as a holding facility to the town. Don, Jackie and Samantha will review the dog ordinance for updates and to add inspection to any holding facilities the town chooses to use.

Social Media Proposal – The current three facebook pages (Town of Williamstown, Williamstown Public Safety and Williamstown Fire Department) are not Selectboard approved. Jackie stated that originally the Williamstown Public Safety Facebook page was set up for both the Ambulance and Fire Department to post information and events, but then a resident decided to create the Fire Department page. After discussion with Ambulance and Fire Department they will go back to using the Public Safety Facebook page for both. These pages will be for Fran made motion to adopt the social media policy. Jessica second. So moved.

Town IT Proposal – Don Angolano explained the proposal submitted by SymQuest. The change in Microsoft in January is creating an urgency along with the age of our server and the lack of protection against outside threats and firewall protection to the town data. Jackie will work with Don on what IT budget challenges we will have between now and the 2020 fiscal year.

Beckett Street Event Request – The Pub is asking to close the section of Beckett Street from the intersection of Rte. 14 and the Farm and County Loading Dock to hold a Harvest Festival event on October 5th. Francis made motion to approve use of Beckett Street. Jessica second. So moved.

Class 4 Road Funding Request – Getz Road – Josh LePerle – Francis made motion to fund \$1000.00 for material for Getz Road out of the Class 4 Road Fund. Chris second. So moved.

ATV Committee Update – Town Wide Letter Proposal – Rama Schneider requested that the town pay for printing and postage for a town wide informational letter from the ATV Committee. Francis made motion to approve mailing. Chris second. So moved.

Old Business – None

Open Public Comments – None

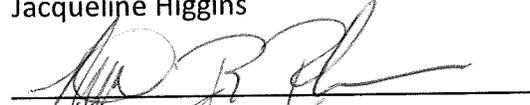
Around the Table – Francis thanked Horace Duke for his Assistant Treasurer’s Report. Chris asked about Fullard Update. Jackie will ask the Health Officer to go up and do a site inspection.

Executive Session – None needed

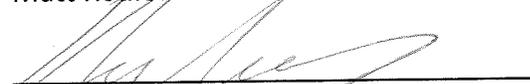
Adjourned – Francis made motion to adjourn 9:55 p.m. Jasmine second. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted

Jacqueline Higgins



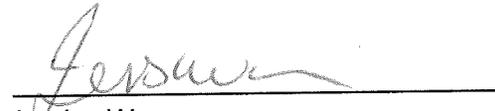
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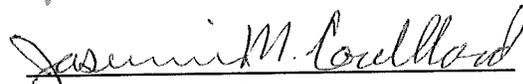
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MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

DATE 9-9-2019

Lucas Graham

Rodney Tucker

Alexander Lyons

Larry Hill

Carly Cross-Greenia

Michael D. Greening

William Graham

Morwood Southworth

Becky Watson

Don Angelano

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RICH TURNER

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Sam Puchar

Hattie Russell

Earl Ewert

Rama Schneider

Shel Hillery

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Delinquent Taxes \$76,420.11, Water \$10,888.78, Sewer \$12,146.83

Solar Project at Water Tower Property:

Novus received the state permit to proceed with installation of solar project. If all goes well they will start this fall.

Water/Sewer Department: Extension to pipe in stream on Brockway Hill Road has been installed. This was the last part of project to eliminate erosion to the Moran property side of the stream.

24 shut off notices will be delivered on Thursday.

Delinquent Taxes – 12 properties are scheduled to go to attorney for tax sales.

Seaver Ball Field – Surveyor still working on property line. More research was needed.

HIGHWAY –

Shimming Graniteville Road R.G. Paving

South Hill Road:

Will need $\frac{3}{4}$ inch applied right down the middle next year. We have lost 2" of top coat. Due to fines blowing away and this is with all the chloride that has been put on and rolling.

Stone Road:

Ed and I have been discussing possibly applying crushed ledge as $\frac{3}{4}$ top coat on Stone Road. Matting will be installed, then base of crushed granite.

Cost: North East \$10.00 per ton (\$15.00 per yard) Crushed Granite $\frac{3}{4}$ inch

Brouseau Pit \$14.25 a yard

Pikes Pit \$9.00 a yard

Done:

Grading: - Pleasant Street, Tower Road, Lambert Road McCarthy Road, Chelsea Road, Flint Road resurfaced.

Screening Sand and Hauling Sand 5000 yards put up

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To Do:

Grading – Rood Pond, Weir Road, Birch, Boyce, Stellar Road, Gilbert Road, Martin and Saldi Heights.

Robar Road – 2 culverts to be replaced

Shoulder Work Falls Bridge Road
Ditching Graniteville Road
Industry Street Storm Drainage
Pleasant Street Shoulders
Brush Hill Road Shoulders