

WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Town Office Building and Virtual

Present: Matt Rouleau, Rodney Graham, Francis Covey Jessica Worn and Jasmin Couillard

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

Set the Agenda – Amend agenda to remove Library from New Business and add Legal Issue to Executive Session. Matt made motion. Jasmin second. So moved.

Open Public Comments –

SB Announcements – None

Public Announcements – None

Commissions/Committees/Trustees/Other Board Announcements - None

Approve Minutes – Jasmin made motion to approve as amended 12/14/20, Selectboard Meeting Minutes. Francis second. So moved.

Approve Warrants – Matt made motion to approve Payroll 2/4/21 and SB20063 and SB20064, Francis second. So moved.

Town Manager's Report – See attached.

New Business –

Highway Department – Truck Bids –

Clarks Truck Center - \$162,500.00 (additional \$12,000.00 for seven-year warranty)

Allegiance Trucks - \$168,000.00 (no warranty amounts available)

Matt made motion to purchase two single axle trucks from Clark's Truck Center for \$162,500.00 each with additional \$12,000.00 seven-year warranty with a 7-year payment plan. Jasmin second. So moved.

Fire Chief – Tanker Refurbish Power Point – (Power Point attached) – Matt made motion to approve refurbish of Tanker 1 not to exceed \$130,000.00 and, finance an additional \$20,000.00 to pay off balance of Ladder Truck repairs. Jessica second. So moved. Rodney recused himself from vote.

ATV Ordinance Yearly Review – Continued from January Selectboard Meeting. Tripp and Boyce Road residents petition to remove from trail system. Rodney asked Travis if he had any talked to landowner on moving trail off Tripp and Boyce to private property. Travis stated he had spoken to the landowner twice and landowner still did not agree to the use of his property. Rodney clarified that if Tripp and Boyce were removed from the trail system that all signage for ATVs would be removed from those roads. This would not mean the ATVs would not still use these roads just that the town would no longer have any control over restrictions to enforce.

Travis has worked this past year to add private trails to the routes and will continue to do so. He will continue to try and make it better for everyone.

Jessica stated that no matter which way the vote goes it is not going to make everyone happy. This is a work in process and the decision that will be made does not mean the Selectboard supports one side over the other.

Jasmin made motion to remove Tripp and Boyce from the ATV trail system. Jessica second.

Yes Vote – Jessica, Jasmin, and Rodney

No Vote – Matt and Francis

Motion passed to remove Tripp and Boyce Road from ATV Trail System.

Old Business – None

Open Public Comments – None

Around the Table – Jasmin thanked Francis for his service on the Selectboard as did the rest of the board.

Matt made motion to take a 5-minute recess and then enter executive session. 8:20 p.m. Jasmin second. So moved.

Executive Session – Matt made motion to enter executive session at 8:25 p.m. for personnel and legal issues. Jasmin second. So moved.

Matt made motion to exit executive session at 9:00 p.m. Jasmin second. So moved.

Jasmin made motion to raise Mike St. Lawrence, Road Foreman pay to \$23.00 per hour and New full-time employee David Wilder to \$19.00 per hour. Matt second. So moved.

Adjourn – Matt made motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Francis Second. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted

Jacqueline Higgins

Matt Rouleau

Jessica Worn

Rodney Graham

Francis Covey

Jasmin Couillard