

## **Selectboard Meeting March 11, 2020 MINUTES**

Members present: Brian Johnson, Toni Pippy, Rett Emerson, Patrik Kelly and Mary Linehan

Others present: Lisa Bragg, Gil Robertson, Bill Burden, Jon MacKinnon

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **Election of Officers, Rules of Procedure Reminder**

Toni Pippy was nominated as chair; Brian Johnson was nominated as vice chair; Mary Linehan was nominated as recording secretary. Motion passed to elect all three. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the rules of procedure and the Conflict of Interest Policy.

### **Citizen Concerns**

None.

### **Town Highways and Equipment Update**

Municipal Roads General Permit (MRPG) – Annual Planning Report discussed and signed. The Road Erosion Inventory has been completed. Jon MacKinnon clarified that the requested 10-wheel truck is needed to do more hauling. Tim Matson and Betty Jo Black submitted correspondence regarding the poor state of Miller Pond road and requesting repair of the paved road. Jon will investigate the costs of repair and provide information at the next Selectboard meeting. Motion passed to provide \$18,000 for sand.

### **Covid 19, Coronavirus Update**

Bill Burden provided an update on Pandemic Preparations in Strafford, which will be posted along with VT Health Department and CDC update in the Town website, Strafford Facebook page and the Listserv.

### **Correspondence**

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

Letter from Bob Johnston, RE: Resignation from Historic Preservation Commission and nominating Zach Mitchell to fill the 2-year position. Motion passed.

Email from Nick Clark, RE: Regional Energy Coordinator, notifying Selectboard that 6 of 7 towns passes the proposal for Regional Energy Coordinator, which Pomfret voting it down. The position is 91% funded, and other towns have expressed interest in participating in Pomfret's place. Nick will reach out to these towns and report back to the Selectboard. A member of Strafford's Energy Committee will represent the town in discussions about the role of the Regional Energy Coordinator position.

Letter from Betty Jo Black, RE: Miller Pond Road requesting repair of paved portion of the road. Jon investigating options and costs.

Email from Tim Matson, RE: Miller Pond Road requesting prioritization of repair of the road. Jon investigating options and costs.

Email from Vermont Department of Health, RE: Health Officer Training for health officer and other town officials. The DOH has notified Selectboard of training opportunities currently offered.

Letter from Ellen Langtree RE: request for sign near Carpenter Hill Road to warn of blind intersection. Brian will follow up with Jon to place appropriate sign.

Letter TRORC, VLCT and Vermont Emergency management and Vermont Department of Health RE: Novel Coronavirus (COVIS-19)

Letter from FEMA, RE: Town of Strafford, Orange County, Vermont Community NO.:500240, RE: Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning, Discovery meeting, March 31, 2020, to review flood risk data and flood history. Brian will attend the meeting.

Letter from Joanna Hawkins, RE: Diana Leddy reappointment to the Ordway Committee. Approved

Request for use of the Town House and Strafford Common by the Preservation Trust of Vermont for Historic Preservation and Downtown Conference, June 4, 2020. Approved.

Email from Rocky Fuller RE: THAG appointments. Addressed below.

### **Approve Minutes of February 26**

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of February 26 with no changes.

### **Town Appointments**

The board voted to approve reappointments of Town-appointed officers whose terms were up for renewal. The board voted to approve the following new members of the Town House Advisory Group: Tim Bergeron, Susan Lee, Greg Colling and Will Cooney. EC Fiber Network Governing Board is short one member, and the Selectboard is waiting for a new nomination from the Governing Board.

### **Acquaint new board members with ongoing work of the Selectboard**

New board members were briefed on ongoing activities regarding town budget, town office, the Ashley Forest, paving, etc., and were provided background materials for review.

**Other**

- Clarification requested as to whether town liability insurance covers the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and other activities. Lisa Bragg will check with VLCT.
- The Board will reassign liaisons at the next board meeting
- The School Board will hold a meeting April 11, 2020 at 1:00pm at the Town House to discuss and vote whether to adopt the 2020-2021 school budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Linehan  
Recording Clerk