

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

June 22, 2020

In Attendance: Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Charlie Thomas and David Persons

Road Foreman: Moe Jettie

Visitors: Tim Corey

Town Administrator: Jonathan DeLaBruere

Secretary: Melissa Manson

Town Clerk: Linda Hodet

1. Letter of complaint re the unplanned closing of Hill Road by an agricultural operation. MM to do a letter telling them they have no authority to close a road. Presents a danger with no notice. Issue with emergency vehicles. Must request a closing one-week in advance so we can notify residents and EMS. They can also request to put in a culvert large enough to handle the hose. Jonathan to review the letter prior to sending.
2. Moe said they started the Dept. of Environmental Conservation Grant on Lapland Road. Jonathan explained the DEC grants.
3. Rugg Road speed sign was gone just days after it was erected.
4. Backhoe tires have been ordered but will take some time to come in.
5. They started hauling material for the ballfield. Hauled 20 loads instead of 10. The grant has not been finalized by Jonathan doesn't expect it to be over budget.
6. Jonathan talked to Sam White about Popple Curve. Recap of his discussion. Gene made a motion to go ahead and pave it as is. Charlie seconded. David opposed. Motion carries.
7. Jonathan reports that the FEMA site inspection for the November 1 storm is tomorrow at 9:30am. They will look at both North Road and Juare Road. FEMA will cover the quick fixes as well as an additional monies for the long-term fix. We will be responsible for 12.5% of the total. This can be in-kind match with work by our road crew.
8. The recreation fields are mostly done. Jonathan reported on the recent Rec. committee meeting. Lots of discussion regarding the safety of the parking at the beach. They are looking at expanding the availability of programming especially since we no longer offer St. Albans Rec. Dept. discounts. They are looking at kayaks, skating and lots of other stuff.
9. The Town Plan is progressing behind schedule. Next meeting is July 6th. Will need to do SB Public Hearing later.
10. We will need a tax anticipation loan of \$400K, Ok to borrow
11. Jonathan said we may want to look at quarterly tax payments or shift to fiscal rather than calendar year. Logistics would be challenging for quarterly.
12. Linda reports that we received a notice of reappraisal from the State. Has to be completed by April 2023. We do have money set aside for it. Need to put out bids. We should also look at going to an outside assessor rather than elected listers.
13. Change order for the sidewalks should be done tomorrow. Jonathan said construction should begin in earnest tomorrow.
14. Private road names decided for 4 new roads. Guyette subdivision will be McKinley Rd. New road on Gilbert Hill will be Summer Lane. 71 Buck Hollow

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- will become Frog Hollow Lane if and when it is brought up to town road standards. Jettie subdivision will be Deerfeild Lane as long as it is up to standard. All are private roads and will not be maintained by the town.
15. Reviewed fuel bid plan.
 16. Opened culvert installation bids for South Road. \$32K Goodhue, \$26K Corey.
 17. Discussion re needed work on Ridge Road and how to handle.
 18. Gene made a motion to approve minutes of 6.08.20. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
 19. Gene made a motion to award culvert installation to Corey. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
 20. Gene made a motion to approve the warrants. Charlie seconded. All in favor
 21. Algae bloom has appeared on the pond. Warning signs posted on the beach.
 22. Charlie made a motion to adjourn. David seconded. All in favor