

**TOWN OF DERBY, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes
July 27, 2020**

Present: Brian Smith, Steve Gendreau, Grant Spates, Karen Chitambar, Beula Shattuck.

Others: Rod Lyon, Joe Profera, Bob Kelley.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

Warrants #15A in the amount of \$23,151.83 and #15B in the amount of \$96,912.67 were signed.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Beula moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020, with Steve seconding. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dumas Road - Engineering – There were 2 estimates; Ruggles Engineering at \$12,150 and East Engineering at \$27,000. Brian thought that the temporary culvert we installed is just fine and we don't need to do anything else. The Town's Road and Bridge Standards require the Town to follow State standards when working on stream bridges and culverts. Karen moved to use Ruggles Engineering for the Dumas Road engineering, seconded by Steve. Ayes – Karen, Steve, Beula, Grant. Nays – Brian. The motion passes.

Town Forest Property – Buildings & Grounds Committee discussion – The Board would like to get input from the public on what the Town should be doing with some of the vacant properties that the Town owns that are not being fully utilized. The Town owns a lot on Route 5 between Derby Center and Derby Line, a small lot on the right side of Hinman Settler Rd as you are going up the hill, the Town Forest off of Bushey Hill Rd, land on both sides of the Dog Park on 4H Rd, and the back lot just purchased from Poulin between the Town Garage and the Municipal Building. It was thought that instead of forming a committee it might be better to set up something online to get resident's opinions and to have discussions during the Board's regular meetings. A flyer can be added in with the Tax bills to inform residents how to participate.

Town Pickup Truck – Discussion centered on the merits of a 1 ton dump truck vs a ¾ ton pickup. Steve and Rod will come back to the Board with options and costs.

TA & ZA Update – DRB/PC: The DRB has 4 permits for their August 3rd meeting. The Planning Commission is continuing review of the Zoning Bylaw and is working on Section 4. **Permits:** 67 permits have been submitted year to date. **Johns River:** Abbott & Roberts signed the new easements the State wanted, we got an extension from Fish & Wildlife until Oct 1, 2021, and Davies issued a new Right of Way Certification. The State sent back the draft bid documents with their mark up and Ruggles is working on the changes needed. I don't see how we are going to get this one done this year. The Stream alteration permit specifies that the work is done prior to Oct 1st. **Storm Damage – FEMA:** FEMA did a site visit for Dumas Road 2 weeks ago. Rod & I have surveyed all the damage and I am working on getting it into the format FEMA requires. **COVID:** Current office procedures are working fine.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Update – They are on recess until August 25th.

ROAD REPORT:

The Road Crew put in a new culvert on Hinman Settler Rd and the pavement there and on Shattuck Hill needs to be patched where the culverts were replaced. There is an ongoing problem on Ridgehill Dr with gravel being washed away. The stump dump needs to be pushed back, John Gobeil will be contacted to see if he can help as the Towns loader is not big enough to do the job. Better Roads called and told us we would be getting the grants for Bushey Hill and

Salemview Hgts sometime in August, we need to complete the project by the end of the year. All other State grants are being held up until the State gets a better grasp of income due to COVID.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ATVs – The State currently holding up permission to let ATVs cross the bridge over I-91, the current thinking is to use the snowmobile trail to get around this if needed. If speed is an issue the Board would be receptive to lowering it to 30 mph.

Sweeper Truck - Another sweeper truck has become available from the Federal Surplus, shipping to get it would probably be \$20,000+. The Board was not interested in pursuing it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brian moved to go into executive session at 6:58 for a personnel issue, seconded by Steve. Unanimous. Out of executive session at 7:04

Steve moved to hire David Montague for the vacant road crew position at the D4 step 1 pay scale of \$19.36, seconded by Karen. Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2020. Beula made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., with Steve seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley, *Unofficial until approved.*