

Sutton Select Board Meeting  
April 25, 2019

Joe called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

Attending: Pat Jackson; Dan Jackson; Mark Hoffman; Chris Devereaux; Gail Weed; Dianna Simpson; Joe Solinsky; Denis Royer, II; Tim Simpson; Mary Gray

Additions/Deletions: Chris Devereaux; Mark Hoffman

Tim made a motion to accept the March 20, 2019 minutes as printed. Joe seconded motion. Motion passed.

Tim moved to accept the March 28, 2019 as printed. Joe seconded the motion. Discussion: Corrections to be made: Bottom of Page 2... change word ~~various~~ to variance  
Second correction page 3 sentence starting with Denis made a motion for any hired..... change the word ~~fill~~ to fill  
Motion passed with corrections.

Tim made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Delinquent Tax report was passed out. Question from Chris Devereaux, how much is outstanding? \$61,000. How many? 31 All out-of-staters: No. Anyone in current use. No

Chris Devereaux: Complaint about last house on Route 5. Rolfe residence: Trash all over yard. He had to stop on Route 5 because their chickens and ducks were crossing the road. Two tractor trailer units were coming up behind him, which he was hoping they would stop. This residence is causing a hazard on Route 5. He questioned how they can park across the street in the State turn around area all winter. Chris is surprised that the state is not making them move their vehicles. They now have three horses in deplorable conditions. Not sure how they are even entering their house. Maybe we can bring the state into this to get them to clean up their mess. Chris wanted to know if we had a junk ordinance and the select board stated yes. Tim said last year when they received notice, they did clean up their yard some. Chris suggested the town report them to the Environmental Department about contaminating the water-ways because there are tires in the brook adjacent to their house.

The Select Board stated they will contact Shauna Clifford at District 7 to see first about the state parking lot regulations and maybe she would have suggestions on how to handle the trash and who to contact. Tim said the town will work on this.

Mark Hoffman: Mark stated we have liberal weapon laws in Vermont and most everybody shoots. He said he had a neighbor that shoots every day. Mark said he has a health issue with loud noises because of when he was in the service and he gets very anxious when he doesn't expect loud noises.

He said his neighbor, David Gray has a "Federal Firearms License" to shoot these types of automatic weapons, but 100 rounds every day is too excessive. Then when David's son comes, they are both shooting.

Mark wanted to know if the village district can be extended since he lives outside the village and can shoot, but in the village you can't shoot.

Mark wants to have a shooting ordinance established in this town. He would like the ordinance to restrict the days someone can shoot and how many times they can shoot and/or limit it to weekends only and between certain hours.

Tim asked if he had spoken with David and Mark said he did and asked for a phone call each time before he shoots so Mark can be prepared. Mark stated David called him once to notify him.

Tim asked if Mark is shooting also, and he said he was but not automatic weapons and not very often.

Tim stated that in order to get a petition, Mark would need to write it and get 5% of the registered voters to sign it and bring it to the board for consideration. Then they would have to hold a special town meeting for the voters to vote on it. Mark thought that something like this would not pass, but he wants to try.

Tim said they will talk to David about shooting every day or after a certain time. Mark requested that when they speak to David what Mark's concerns are: Please don't shoot every night and every day or after hours and please call Mark every time David is going to shoot because of his health issues with loud noises.

Mark will think about getting a petition.

Mark wants to know if the town could have 4 flags on hand so when the flag looks like the one now, they can take it down and put up a new one right away. Also, the light on the flag is not working and wanted to know if it was an electric eye issue. Mark also said that when the flag comes down, he would like to be called so the flag will be disposed of properly.

Dan updated the board on the road conditions.

Tim suggested cutting both sides of the Morey Road to make the road wider. Tim spoke to Kevin Riendeau about doing the cutting with a Feller Buncher. The cost would be \$125.00 per hour plus moving the equipment in. If the land owner didn't want the wood, maybe let it be known that there is firewood to be had. Let the road crew pick it up or use a log truck and put it somewhere on town property for people to pick up or burn.

Tim suggested the town crew measure 20 feet from the center of the road and paint the lines and leave the trees behind the line.

The town will have to notify the emergency vehicles the road will be closed at the north end of Morey Road while the cutting is being done. This will also be posted in the newspaper and announced on the radio.

Have Kevin Riendeau sign the contract and do an overweight permit and proof of insurance before he gets paid and fill out a W-9 form.

Pat said a bike race will be coming through our roads this Saturday there will be about 2500 bikes.

No update on the recycling.

NEMRC contact for reappraisal stating in 2020.

Denis made a motion to sign the contract with NEMRC for a reappraisal not to exceed \$58,800. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The board would like an ad in the paper for Road side mowing bids being the same as last year with one pass and two pass bids. Bids to be in no later than May 29. Bids to be opened at the May 30 meeting.

ATV ordinance stay up until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 60 days is up.

The only concern Dianna has received is the speed ordinance being 25 mph in the village as being too slow.

Audit update. Letters will go out.

School Lease has not been signed yet.

Sand bids open. One bid was received. Jake Simpson submitted a bid of \$4.75 per yard for 4,500 yards. Joe made a motion to award Jake winter sand bid. Tim seconded motion. Motion passed.

Request was made about putting guard rails on Underpass Road, just past the A-frame and down the hill where there are no trees. Tim said he thinks there is an outfit that has used guard rails, if we can use them. We can get a price on the guard rails. We will contact Shauna from District 7. Dan will get a length and let the office know and they can call Shauna to get a name of who to contact for guard rails. Joe will call Shauna.

Lines will be painted this year on the roads.

Since the minimum wage in Vermont is \$10.78, each of the Elections personnel will be receiving the minimum wage.

On 3-16-19 Randy Mitchel was served by the Sheriff's Department. The board will give him until next meeting to clean the yard up.

Dianna and Gail would like the cash on hand be raised because people come in with tax money and they need to give change.

Tim made the motion to have \$150.00 cash-on-hand. Denis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Lister's need to update their computer and Mary suggested they get prices on a lap top computer to be used out in the field. Tim suggested they get prices on a lap top for the next meeting.

Gail said we need to get a sump pump installed in the basement. Gail and Dan know where the low spot is so they can install the sump pump. Denis will ask Norbert about this.

Brandon Mazur would like to give up all the positions he is holding and would like to be the Health Officer.

Tim made a motion to appoint Brandon Mazur he Health Officer with the understanding he is giving up the other 4 positions: Clerk Secretary; Assistant ZA Admin.; Budget Committee; Fence Viewer. Denis seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Gail said the only position we will need to fill is the Fence Viewer since the Budget committee will now be an odd number.

Denis made a motion to not have the town pay for the Grange water since It's turned off but pay a reconnect fee if it is turned back on. Tim seconded motion. Motion Passed.

May 14, 2019 The Zoning public meeting concerning the Jesse Nelson permit, the select board will be attending to hear first hand of any issues.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:38PM. Denis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Submitted by  
Mary Gray  
Clerk