

Sutton Select Board Meeting  
June 27, 2019

Tim Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM

Attending: Pat and Dan Jackson; Brandon Mazur; Clint Gray; Dianna Simpson; Tim Simpson; Gail Weed; Denis Royer, II; Mary Gray

Additions/Deletions: None

Denis made a motion to accept the minutes of May 30, 2019. Tim seconded motion. Motion passed.

Denis made a motion to accept the special meeting minutes of June 6, 2019. Tim seconded motion. Motion passed.

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

Delinquent Tax Report was handed out. The board was updated there may be 3 properties going to the attorney for processing for a tax sale.

Morey Road needs to be fixed by July 1, 2019 in order to get a grant. The town will apply for another grant to complete Morey Road project.

Update on Rolfe, Randy Mitchell and Gale Berry properties;  
Brandon Mazur can only get involved when conditions interfere with the neighbor's property, he is limited for enforcement. The neighbors are complaining so the town should pursue the avenue of the state and the EPA and have them deal with this problem. There was a question about deceased animals across the road from the residence and Brandon stated that the state is aware, but how do we know for sure who placed them there. Brandon contacted the Sheriff's department but as of tonight he hadn't heard back from them.

The child services deemed the living conditions were safe for the children, so there is nothing that can be done once they made their determination.

Randy Mitchell has picked up some of his items and he will continue to pick up his yard.

Gale Berry: The Select Board approved a letter to be sent to him concerning the safety of his property.

School Lease update: no one was there to update the board.

Clint Gray ATV update. The committee had a meeting last night and they are still working with the residents of the town about opening private land and talking about opening the town roads to get to the trails. Clint asked how the board felt about using the town roads and Tim said he absolutely has no problem using the town roads and Denis agreed. Tim stated since the speed limit is 25 mph in town, that would be safe speed and if the sheriff's department has to be utilized to make sure the ATV/UTV and the people driving to make sure they obey the speed limit then the town will have that done. Clint suggested that behind the town office there could be a trail but he would need to contact Ryan Simpson to see if there was a way that a small portion of the field could be used to get from Underpass Road to Sheffield Road utilizing the town property and Ryan Simpson's field.

Clint said that he really has not had a lot of negative, but there certainly is some. There are residents that are not a fan of having the ATV/UTV's on their property but have come up with ideas and is working with the committee.

Clint asked if he could contact Shauna about the speed limit signs since that has not been done yet since the Speed Ordinance was adopted. The board said to contact Shauna and maybe NVDA about possible grants for signs. Clint suggested that the 25 mph in town is posted and if Dan would remove the sign that states hours, that would be a start. Dan said that would be no problem.

Clint asked if there was any way that the public could be informed about all meetings that are held for the town. Dianna will check with Laurel to see what program they use to notify the parents about school closings and various updates.

DRB survey: no one here to represent the board and the select board needs to approve the survey before it goes out.

Guard rail and Underpass Road: There are reflective posts to let the drivers know there is a bank there that should be looked into since the guard rails are so expensive. Mary suggested that Dianna put a note in the budget committee's folder to consider funding for future budgets.

The Select board signed the 2019 VT State Town Road & Bridge Standards.

Cemetery Improvements: Fixing the broken stones and using the perpetual care interest money. Pat will see if there is a company that fixes broken stones. She will also contact the Vermont Cemetery Association since they have great resources and see if there are any grants available.

A cemetery policy needs to be written to state no trees and only silk flowers or annual flowers and nothing that will go beyond the person's cemetery plot. Also be specific as to have nothing that will over grow the stones. Pat will get a couple of different cemetery policies and put something together for Sutton. Pat also stated that at each cemetery there needs to be a copy of the policy posted.

Pat said they have two broken mowers and is wondering if they must put purchasing a new lawn mower out to bid. The board said to bring prices back and they will hold a special Select Board meeting for approving the purchase. Pat suggested they also consider purchasing a trailer to place two mowers on to transport to the cemeteries.

Complaints were looked at with no action taken.

Checks and warrants were signed.

Denis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13. Tim seconded motion. Motion passed.

Mary Gray,  
Clerk