

Sutton Selectmen's Meeting Draft  
September 25, 2014

Called to order at 6:10PM by Chairman Scott Spencer.

Attending the meeting: George Colburn, Scott Spencer, Tim Simpson, Tom Featheringham, Dan Jackson, Pat Jackson, Debra Jackson, Rick Jackson, William McCormack, Joe Solinsky, Larry Seymour, Laverne Paton, Sharon Paton, Mary Gray

Scott asked if there were any addition or deletions to the agenda: Additions: William McCormack; Larry Seymour; Water System; Dog problem

Motion was made by Tim to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting, Joe seconded the motion. Scott asked for discussions: Tim made one addition; the omission of the vote needs to be reflected in the minutes: "Scott asks for a motion on the floor to transfer \$11,447.04 from the firehouse fund to the general fund to pay off expenses for the fire department." All in favor of transferring money from the firehouse fund to the general fund. All voted in favor. Scott asked if there were any more corrections or additions: Hearing none: Scott called for a vote: All in favor of accepting the August 28, 2014 minutes with additions and corrections: All voted in the affirmative. Motion Passed

Tim made the motion to accept the treasurer's. Joe seconded the motion. Scott opened the floor for discussion. There was a question on the firehouse fund, but that will come up later. Scott asked all in favor of accepting treasurer report as printed: All voted in the affirmative. Motion Passed

Larry updated the board on the Fire House: There is a little snag with getting the wet land permits. They have started cutting on other lands that are not wet lands. Where the pond is being proposed is no problem, it is running the pipe from the pond to the firehouse and it is going through wet lands. Tim said he spoke with Gary Leach about this problem and he suggested the fire department research going beneath the wet lands. Larry will research this.

New Business: Joe is reporting that there is a dog problem by Tom Cave with a dog killing his hens. Joe informed Candace of the problem. Tom Cave brought the dog over to Joe's to hold and the dog slipped the collar. Joe wants this on the agenda for next month. Someone will need to reimburse Tom Cave for the destruction of the hens.

Water update: Gary Leach talked to Tim. He does have a plan for the building and is still working on the figures for a 20 x 20 building. The water is underneath ½ of building, then it will be filtered into the tank then it will supply the water to the residents. Gary just receive word that the waste water after filtration will not be able to go into manure piles, he is stating that it will need to go through a leach field. The bond was discussed and this winter the selectmen will work on the bond.

Larry Seymour looked over the budget. Larry wants to look into the heating and plumbing budget. George and Larry will work on it together. Larry said they did receive a check for the wood that was cut off the fire dept. land. Larry used the credit card for material, but can't purchase any more until the credit card is paid off because of the credit card limit. Scott wants to know if there will be a total figure to let the town's people know at town meeting the total cost of this project.

Town Highway 7 was discussed: The select board has been approached by the Vermont Horse Council to see if they can use TH 7 (between Nygren Road and Route 5A-Newark/ Westmore) to ride their horses. Tom Featheringham approached the board to explain his position. He passed out a letter from David Meyers and from the Town of Westmore. Tom explained that the Act 250 permit states no access through Nygren Road. All access will be through 5A only and a barrier will be put up. TH 7 is classified as class 4. Westmore documented TH7 as a pent road. Title 19 VSA 1111 sub-chapter 11 Use of Right away. No one will do anything to a road unless they are granted permission. District 7 has listed TH 7 as a class 4 untraveled. The Town of Sutton has never thrown up this road. Tim feels that we should get advice from District 7. Tom maintains that this not for the public good to open this road for the VT Horse Council to clear and ride on. Tom would like to suggest that the selectmen give Tom a letter and state "use for pedestrian traffic only and has no other use". Tom stated the major issue is the ATV's using road. Legally this is a class 4 road, untraveled and no one has asked to have it maintained. If the road is questionable, the VT Horse Council will fix the bridge and keep the road open. Before any decisions are made the board needs to receive advice from legal counsel and talk to Shauna at District 7.

Motion was made by Tim to table this until we get advice from legal counsel on TH 7. Joe seconded the motion. Scott will call Peter and give him the document that was received tonight. If is in class 4 untraveled, people need permission from the select board to clear it and find out maintenance responsibility. Scott called for a vote to table the TH 7. All voted affirmative. Motion passed

Bill McCormack would like to know where we are on TH 16. It was advertised in the paper and the neighbors were contacted. Scott stated that this is work in progress. As of a few days ago, we are still working on cleaning out the vault with some things have been recovered, but book 5 is still not found. Since there is a reference to book 5, we need to still look for it. Our town attorney stated that we should start from the start. Scott explained that we need a little bit more time, and we have not forgotten it.

George updated the board about the basement. George explained we have \$500.00 for outside lawn care or funds from building maintenance that we will not be using and feels we could use that to hire someone to clean up the basement for insurance purposes.

Motion was made by Joe to allocate up to \$500.00 to clean up the basement (wood, pipe, etc.). Tim seconded motion. Tim wants to amend the motion to \$250.00. Joe seconded the motion. Scott called for discussion. Scott was concerned that someone gets half done and they want more money and then it does not get done. There is pipe down there that that could be used for the water system, we may want to keep, Rick said there were fittings that are usable down there. Scott called for a vote on the amendment: All in favor of using up to \$250.00 of the building maintenance budget. All voted in the affirmative. Amended Motion passed.

Tim and Rick have received complaints about the new paved road, saying it is rough. Tim suggested we take our grader and take the bumps out. Tomorrow morning at 7AM they will be paving. Rick will talk to the pavers to see how they plan on handling this situation.

Legge Bridge: Shauna stated that the bridge does not have to be painted and pressure treated lumber could be used as decking. Scott called Poulsen's to see how much pressure treated decking would cost. Scott will call Shauna again to see what alternatives we can use.

George will write up a bid to re-deck and replace guard rails on two bridges. Bridge 8 (t/h 48) & 13 (t/h 50); any questions refer to Scott Spencer; bids due by October 9, 2014 by 4PM. Selectmen will hold a special meeting to open the bids.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Warrants and checks were approved and signed.

Motion was made by Joe to adjourn. Tim seconded motion. Scott called for a vote: All voted affirmative: Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM

Draft submitted by  
Mary Gray