

Town of Benson
Select Board Meeting
August 11, 2008
Unapproved Minutes *

Present: Selectboard: Lynn Bowen, Daniel Britton, Guy Charlton, Sue Janssen, Ed Peltier

Public: Margret Ambroziatis, Ben Bartholomew, Mark Bathalon, Shawn Bowen, Daryl Burlett, Lisa Coates, Rachel Collett (select board secretary), Keith Cull, Nick Daigle, Zack Daigle, Randy Dapron, Scott Denis, Bill Ellis, Alicia Fallon, Brian Fowler, Joanne Gates, Kathleen Knapp, Debbie Kolb, Richard Legault, Ray Leonard, Ashley McGrath, David Proc, Josh Richards, Larry Vladyka, Shirley Valadyka

Guy Charlton called meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Approve Agenda:

Agenda was amended to include in Interviews under Fire Department. In Old Business – Transfer Station and Schedule Wanda for fall. In New Business – Questions from Vanessa.

Public Comment:

None.

Moved Up ATV Use in Village and Fish & Game:

Sue Janssen read the letter from the VT Agency of Natural Resources, Fish & Game into the minutes. See on file.

Sue Janssen brought up the Constable's concern over ATV use in the village. Daryl Burlett felt that the population is too dense and there is no way to properly police the road.

Richard Legault, President of the CAT Board, spoke to the Select Board about their policies and why they would like access to the Town. The Select Board discussed other options of getting into the village.

Lynn Bowen made a motion to open North and South Stage Road from Shady Lane, north to Old Lake Road from 8am to 8pm starting immediately for a period

of 14 days. Sue Janssen seconded the motion and it was so voted. Voted for unanimously.

Lynn Bowen made a motion to move the question. Sue Janssen seconded the motion and it was so moved.

North and South Stage Road cannot be used until the CAT Board post the notice. The trial period will end at 8pm on 8/24/08.

Moved up Road Foreman:

Daryl Burlett reported that East Road is washed out with extensive damage. Daryl called in Tom Roberts to look at the road. Daryl is applying for FEMA.

Daryl authorized overtime on the grader. There are currently 3 people drawing gravel to fill the need. Sue Janssen wanted it noted that Scott Hendee went directly over to aid with East Road after she contacted him.

Daryl Burlett asked the Select Board for an office chair that rolled. The Board agreed by consensus to give him one.

Moved up Fire Department:

Debbie Kolb spoke to the Board about the certified letter that her husband had received in the mail. Guy Charlton stated that letter contained a bill from the Town for the fire on the Kolb property. The Fire Department was needed to contain the fire and Town equipment was needed to break up the burning pile. The amount of the bill was based on the time of the Fire Department as well as the 3 pieces of equipment that needed to be used. 911 was called as fire was left unattended and it was smudging. An air quality complaint may be made. Sue Janssen gave Debbie Kolb a copy of VT burn laws and regulations.

The Board interviewed Ben Bartholomew at 8:30pm for a position on the Fire Department. Sue Janssen made a motion to approve and pass Ben Bartholomew's application on to the Fire Department. Daniel Britton seconded the motion and it was so voted.

The Board interviewed Josh Richards at 8:37pm for a position on the Fire Department. Sue Janssen made a motion to approve and pass Josh Richards' application on to the Fire Department. Daniel Britton seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Read Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Sue Janssen made a motion to accept the minutes of 8/4/08 as read. Lynn Bowen seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Sue Janssen made a motion to table the minutes of 7/31/08 until the next meeting. Daniel Britton seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Pay Bills:

After reviewing the bills Ed Peltier made a motion to pay the bills. Lynn Bowen seconded the motion and it was so voted

Old Business:Profit & Loss:

Sue Janssen wants to schedule Wanda to come in and go over the Profit & Loss. Sue stated that she would like Wanda to come in after taxes.

Cemetery Theft:

The Board agreed by consensus to move up the Cemetery theft. The Board agreed to not fill out paperwork as there is an insurance deductible.

Pre-Buy on Heating Oil:

The Board agreed by consensus that the oil should not be pre-bought and they would wait out the prices as they are falling.

New Business:Overweight Permit:

Sue Janssen made a motion to sign the Overweight Permit for David L. Hewitt. Lynn Bowen seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Driveway Permit:

Sue Janssen made a motion to approve Yavonne and Elvin Smead's driveway permit. Daniel Britton seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Town Fair-- Delegate:

Board agreed by consensus that if possible Daniel Britton should attend the Fair but, they will wait until a later date to send in the paperwork.

Access Permit Form & Process:

Daniel Britton put together a copy of new and updated policies for the Board to review for the next meeting.

Community Hall Rental:

Daniel Britton put together a rental agreement for one time use and for local groups. The Board was to review the information for the next meeting.

Vanessa Perkins put together a list of things still wrong in the Community Hall. See on file. The local camp kids helped clean the Community Hall after Family Day.

Advertise for New Auditors:

Sue Janssen stated that she would advertise for new Auditors in the next newsletter. Sue Janssen also stated that she would contact Bob Butman and ask for his letter of resignation if he did not intend to continue his term.

Adjournment:

Daniel Britton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Lynn Bowen seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel S. Collett

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