



Selectmen Staff Meeting 6/17/2019
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Charles Moser, Pete McGinnity; Kathy Wile; Dave Morrison.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by Chair Louise Lavoie.

New Business:

Road Projects – Dave reports that Abbott Hill Rd and the south side of Mitchell Hill Rd were both ground and repaved, some gravel work to be done by HD at driveways, etc.

Dave also reports that Greenville Rd has been reclaimed, and the ledge broken up. Dave is planning to use some of the removed chunks of ledge, along with some dead hemlocks they will take down from the roadside, as a retaining wall for the new layer of gravel. Next step is to install the underdrain, on both sides of the road, then the gravel will be hauled in and placed/rolled. Contractor estimates about a week on the gravel work.

Meanwhile, they (HD) are working on some brush cutting while waiting for the underdrainage materials to arrive.

Budget – Noted that Brenda wanted to clarify that the \$65,000 from the Warrant Article was used first towards payment of the Brox bill, in addition to the amount seen on the budget line for paved road restoration. Dave was asked for actual costs for rest of Greenville Rd project; he will get those together and pass them along.

Gravel crushing – No firm date from Fuzzey Brothers, we are after their job in Mont Vernon which they have just moved on to. Dave reports there is plenty of material accessible for them to work with.

Louise asked about the salt budget, as prices are likely to increase for the next contract. Dave explained he doesn't typically keep the shed full as it crusts over in the damp weather of summer, but he will look into getting another load or two now, and investigate when the contract is renewed as well.

Calcium line untouched – Dave said it has been wet enough that it hasn't been needed yet, though it will be needed as they grade roads.

Vehicle fuel costs seem more than they should for this year – cost of fuel higher than anticipated, or more use? Dave explained how the department keys work, and monthly tracking that is done. Selectmen would like to see those; Dave will work with Brenda to get that information to them.

Engineering work for Russell Rd was the next topic. Dave had spent some time there in the morning with Erin Darrow, of Right Angle Engineering. She had told him that an engineering study was needed in order to get the wetlands permit to do the work. Pratt Pond Rd culverts can be replaced by the town without any permitting. Discussion as to how to cover the cost, importance of getting the study done to keep the current plan of paving next summer. Approved for Dave to contact her to get the study process started.

Plumbing project for Highway barn, Dave had 3 estimates which were reviewed. Dave's recommendation to go with Wetherbee Plumbing was accepted.

Dave reported the sweeper had begun leaking and it has been pulled from work. He thought it needed some parts, but the repair service in Brookline advised him it was not worth repairing. It is an older piece of equipment, and he was advised by selectmen to get another opinion.

Dave said that truck 076, the one ton, had begun leaking from the radiator, and was at A-1 Services for evaluation. This is the vehicle which will need work before passing inspection. Dave will be looking on Municibid as well as other sources for a possible replacement.

Dave had met with the new owner of 26 Scripps Lane, who was concerned about some culverts under his lawn, which ran from the road to his pond, which were clogged. Owner was asking if that were a town issue or his issue – Dave said it was his, and asked about doing some excavation for him on the road end of the culverts. Selectmen were against the idea of the town working on private property.

Dave reported no personnel issues.

In other business, there was a letter to be signed by all selectmen, which they all reviewed and signed.

Adjourned:

There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Pete. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday June 25, 2019 at the Mann House at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant