

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting June 15, 2017
(approved 7/13/2017)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Present at the meeting: Selectmen Vern Worthen, Norman Redlevske; Treasurer Yolanda Violette; Secretary Fran Varney; Scott (Donnie) Howard; Julia Howard; members of Budget Committee Joel Hooper, Jason Juskewitch, Fred LaPlante, Bob Burr

Minutes - Approved May 25 minutes 2-0.

Summer roads: Donnie Howard and the Selectmen discussed summer roads (not listed in order of priority):

- Roads worked on since last meeting include Beech Hill Road and Elm Street
- Discussed work needed on entrances on Elm Street and pothole at end of Elm Street
- Roads discussed for continuing and future work include Elm Street, Brown Road, Rome Road Extension, Ladd Road, Main Street near bridge
- Discussed culvert work near Campbell place and on Elm Street
- Gerry and Donnie will check out Ladd Road (including potholes near Rome town line)
- If money left in budget, possible purchase of calcium
- Opinion expressed that steel culverts have held up better in Mercer than plastic ones.

[At 7:30, Chairman Joel Hooper opened the Budget Committee meeting. It was moved and seconded that Bob Gardner be elected Chairman for this year's Budget Committee. Meeting adjourned]

Private road:

Riveroaks would be willing to donate the lane accessing the lots in its subdivision on west side of Rome Road Extension (the lots are all sold except for the lane). The Selectmen discussed and suggested that a landowners' road association would be the appropriate approach.

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

Charlie Baeder contacted Vern about a cooperative approach to the culvert shared by Smithfield and Mercer near North Pond. BRCA will apply for a grant for 50% of the cost with each town paying 25% if the towns are interested. If so, a letter of interest to participate will be needed from each town. Vern will get the information required for the letter. The proposal would be presented to town voters at a town meeting.

Paving project bids reviewed:

Pike bid \$38,000, Manzer bid \$45,000

Pike bid accepted 2-0

Check to see if the money available might allow the project to extend a longer distance.

Salt for winter roads

Voted 2-0 to lock in with last year's price (through state)

Warrant approved 2-0

{includes May SAD 54 payment)

List of awards and scholarships in Mercer

6th grade Pressey award - Eleanor Tibbetts
Senior True Prize – Isaac Hooper
Senior Springer Award – Benjamin Greaney

Town Community Center

- Selectmen checking into electric hot water heater
Is money available from Energy of Maine?
- Work needed on hole in pavement
- Backup propane heating system discussed vs. oil

Assessing

Gerry visited 115 properties
Net gain in valuation to date is a little over one million
Shute Pollard survey update

Next meeting

- July 13

Adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Fran Varney