

SELECTMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2018

(approved October 25, 2018)

- Meeting opened by Vern Worthen at 7:11 pm. Present Vern Worthen, Chris Tibbetts (at 7:40), Gerry Redlevske, Secretary Fran Varney, Treasurer Yolanda Violette, Forester Daren Turner, residents Tammy Lamphere and Fred LaPlante.
- **Citizens' requests:**
 1. Tammy Lamphere asked what work will be done on Sandy River Road to improve it, get rid of the washboard effect, especially near the former Dubay place and past the Fenton farm. Even after the road is graded, it eventually returns to washboard again.

Donnie plans on grading again this fall. The timing of grading depends on weather conditions.

Tammy said she would like to see it as a priority road next year.
 2. Fred LaPlante mentioned the culvert rising out of the ground on Ladd Road. This issue would not be scheduled until spring.
- **Roads**
 - 1- Town needs David Kincaid's bill.
 - 2- Recent work was done on Dump Road, West Sandy River Road, Rome Road, Corson Road.
 - 3- Work still to do on Rome Road, Hampshire Hill Road.
 - 4- No new information on Beech Hill Road project.
- **Mercer Community Center**

Roof - Two estimates from G & E Roofing – approved 2-0

 - 1- \$3500 for roof maintenance and repair (it has been about 15 years since major maintenance work)
 - 2- \$3500 for sky light repair

Security system - The contract will be continued by the company that bought out the contractor we used to have. New cost \$26.50 per month (\$318/year)
- **Transfer station** matter - taxpayer will be contacted about leaving items outside gate in regular trash bags. Apparently she expected someone would want them.
- **Taxes** – Penalty paid for removal of 4 acres from tree growth classification
- **Spirit of America** – Award ceremony to be October 17 at 6 pm at Somerset County Courthouse; Mercer Historical Society to receive mercer's award.
- **MDOT Property Report** – form to fill out regarding flashing light at intersection of US Rt 2 with Beech Hill Road
- **Warrant Preview – approved 3-0**
 - 1- Includes County tax of \$151,696.11.
 - 2- Includes bill for three loads of salt
- **Winter roads contract** – Discussion about the October 1st date for equipment readiness, and the history of choosing that date. Voted 2-0-1 that Nov. 1 will work for some of the equipment.

- **Minutes approved** 2-0-1
- **Opening of town forest harvesting bids**
Sappi - \$45,425
Gerry Redlevske - \$53,315
Gerry's bid is approved – it is the best bid, in addition to being a local bidder - Voted 2-0-1 (Gerry abstaining from discussion and from voting)

Gerry indicated readiness to begin the work as soon as possible and will be ready to haul gravel in November. Daren will determine when it is cold enough. If any words in contract are revised, Daren will prepare three copies of contract. Before the harvest begins, Daren wants the boundary line to be agreed to and surveyed. Vern will check with the Mills family re: boundary line agreement.

Daren will notify all other potential bidders about the winning bid (Daren had sent bid packets to 13 loggers).

- **Update on oil furnace** – work will be ongoing this weekend (Oct 12-14)
- **Future meetings scheduled for Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Dec. 27**

Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm