

SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JULY 26th, 2018

(approved August 9, 2018)

- Meeting opened by Vern Worthen at 7:10 pm. Present Vern Worthen, Gerry Redlevske, Chris Tibbetts, Town Clerk Yolanda Violette, Secretary Fran Varney, Fred LaPlante.
- Minutes from June 21st Selectmen meeting were approved as amended 3-0.
- **Citizen requests**
 - Hampshire Hill Cemetery - Vern has talked with Justin Furbush to do the requested work at Hampshire Hill Cemetery. The first year's work would be relatively costly because of the length of time the cemetery was not maintained, then it would become less costly for subsequent years.
 - Town forest survey – Vern left a message for Scott Mills family re: boundary line agreement.
 - Fred LaPlante – Vern will visit Fred soon to discuss.
 - Henry Stanford request – Vern sent e-mail to Henry Stanford explaining that the Town will not be working on the culvert problem he reported.
 - Cynthia Pine – Vern resolved the fallen tree issue with Cynthia.
 - Bonfire Lane sign is missing, needs to be replaced
 - Lagasse request - Gerry will check tree issue to see if it is on Cromwell or Lagasse property
 - Burial request – Voted 3-0 to purchase a stone for \$100.
Landowner's forester notified the town that he is putting in a landing area for logging purposes on Elizabeth Crowley land.
- Summer Roads - LRAP
 - Decker Road is already graded or will be soon
 - Roadside mowing – Should be done before August 4th
 - Beech Hill Road- Paving done.
 - Culvert issue for Mercer-Smithfield likely needs to be addressed at 2019 Annual Town meeting. The bill for work done so far will be split 50-50 with Smithfield. Also there may be grant money available per Charlie Baeder through BRCA (Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance)
- Winter Roads
Two loads of salt were ordered, it took two weeks for it to be delivered
- Assessing
Shute request to combine two parcels approved 3-0
Three Martha Howard tree growth plans (one includes joint tenant Scott Howard II) signed by Vern.
- Warrant approved as modified 3-0.
- Winter Road Contract –
One bid received from Vern Worthen, who recused himself from discussion of the bid.
After discussion, the bid from Vern Worthen for a three year contract at \$135,000.00 per year was accepted 2-0 with Vern abstaining, with customary language for two year option.
- Treasurer
 - Installment contracts for tax foreclosure properties. Yolanda will contact Paul Taylor's daughter about his bill. Shane Alexson made one payment of \$490.00.
 - AD Electric bill- concern that this light is out again, but it needs to be fixed. Discussion as to whether any other contractor might be available and more reasonable.
 - LRAP report due August 1st was filled out by Chris and signed.

- Tax Collector
2019 commitment paperwork presented, and Selectmen/Assessors committed taxes at 16.4 mil rate. Certifications and Commitment papers were signed.
- Next meeting dates and agenda:
August 9 and August 23
Furnace bids and town forest harvest bids

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.