

Town of Mercer
Municipal Officer's Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2020
(Approved 4/9/20)

Present:

Ricky Parlin (1st MO), Gary Mosher (2nd MO), Dari Hurley (3rd MO), Yolanda Violette (Town Clerk), Tammy Lamphere (Secretary), Fred Laplante, Joel Lamphere and Brian Breton

Open Meeting: Ricky P. opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Citizens Inquires: None

Old Business:

- **Boundary Line Agreement:** As of the meeting, Ricky had walked the property and found that the survey markers go through the brook. Ricky has spend quite a few hours researching deeds and has not found the information needed to address is issue. Ricky reached out to Boynton and Pickett (the surveyors) and they were willing to show why the ribbons are where they are. As of the day of this meeting Boynton and Pickett had not met with Ricky. A motion was made to table this discussion until they meet. Gary seconded it. **Vote 3-0**
- **Follow up on abandoned property left at the Sand/Salt Shed:** Ricky visited Vern on Saturday March 14, 2020 and retrieved the keys and the signs. Vern promised to have the truck and other property removed that next day, Sunday March 15, 2020. Shockingly, as of this meeting, the truck and personal property remain on the town property. Because of the shutdown of the State, due to Covid-19, the application the Town of Mercer sent to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles for abandoned property, is in limbo. Dari asked that the town speak with Amanda Meader (town attorney) for advice. **Vote: 3-0**
- **Health Officer:** Ricky did speak with his daughter and she agreed to do it, also a resident, Donna Civitella offered to do it as well. Heidi had printed out a LHO booklet. The one chosen needs to complete a 6 hr course online. Municipal Officers motioned for Heidi Dubois to become the LHO, **Vote 3-0.**
- **State Assessor:** Justin, has an appointment with the Town of Mercer for March 31,2020 at 10:00. As of this meeting the appointment is still on, unless the state extends the no outside appointments longer than the original 2 weeks. Yolanda will reach out to Justin on Monday March 30th for a confirmation.
- **Assessors:** Will be available April 1, 2020 11 am-1 pm and 6-7 pm for discussion of property assessments or other questions. Ricky confirmed he'll be here.
- **Gutters for MCC:** Yolanda is waiting to hear back from the MC Club on a final decision.

New Business:

- **For the Record:** MO's held the first workshop on March 19, 2020 at 3:15 pm. In attendance were Ricky, Gary, Dari, Fred, Donnie Howard and Joel Lamphere. It was a productive workshop!
- **Winter Plowing Contract:** Dari put together a new contract. Ricky and Gary made a few changes. Dari will contact Derek Tracy from the Transfer Station to discuss snow removal. There was discussion on 3 town roads that have single home and could be considered private. These roads are Clement Rd, Wills Rd, and True Rd. Amanda Meader will be emailed a copy of Winter Road Contract for her to review and will be in touch with the MO's at the next workshop on April 2, 2020. Motion was made to accept all changes. **Vote 3-0**

- Next MO meeting: Dari is looking into holding a virtual meeting. Brian Breton, a Mercer resident, is a professional IT person and has volunteered to help Dari and Fred set this up. Thank you Brian! Next meeting is April 9, 2020, will be posted if it is a Virtual Meeting by Thurs. April 2nd.
- Town Forest: Harvest is complete!!! Daren Turner will provide the town with an update at the next MO meeting April 9th.
- Tree Growth Application: New TG Application received, 126 acres on the Rome Rd owned by Terri and Melody Warren. Approved and Ricky signed application.
- Town Office Hours: Yolanda would like to modify the hours. Because of the recent orders by the State, it would be safer if only Yolanda was in the office. She will adjust her hours so that she can cover a few evening hours also. Gary made a motion that Sherry and Tammy not come in for 2 weeks. The MO's will revisit this decision and make necessary adjustments with state health restrictions. Dari made a motion that both employees be paid for the two weeks. **Voted 3-0**
- Waste Management: Yolanda was asked to look into the cost of letting Mercer residents use the Norridgewock landfill vs having our own transfer station. WM said they are not accepting any new communities. However, with that said, in the next 3 – 5 years, WM will be expanding and building a new transfer station and at that time we will be able to handle more volume.
- Mail: The North Pond Association sent a Thank You to the town of Mercer for the \$2000 donation. Ricky suggested Yolanda reach out to NPA to let them know we appreciate the gesture.
- Grading Contract: Donnie Howard is contracted to do 10 hours of grading work to the Rome Road.
- Bacon Road: Fred mentioned that someone graded a section of the Bacon Rd. He said it improved the road.
- Fred brought in 2 books for the Municipal Officers to review, “Snow and Ice Control on Local Roads”, “Drainage, Drainage, Drainage” and a pamphlet on paving.
- Rome Road: Ricky spoke with Donnie about the condition of the Rome Road. There was discussion of using what type and what amount of gravel, when the weather allows for maintenance. Suggestions of getting bids from other paving companies when the purchase of pavement arises.

Approval of Warrant:

- Municipal Officer's approved the Warrant preview as presented, Vote 3-0

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- March 12th Minutes were approved with a small amendment of adding under Boundary line agreement “to do the title search”

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Lamphere