

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting September 14, 2017
(approved September 28, 2017)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Present at the meeting: Selectmen Vern Worthen, Chris Tibbetts (at 7:30 pm) and Norman Redlevske; Tax Collector and Treasurer Yolanda Violette; Secretary Fran Varney; citizens John Violette and David Doane.

Citizen requests:

(1) John Violette was the first to speak as citizen request/comment. John stated he is not in favor of spending taxpayers' money on Brown Road:

- 1 - other roads are more in need such as Rome Road Extension, holes in Main Street
- 2 - were there any resident complaints about the Brown Road, either about winter plowing or mud season?
- 3 - there are only 10 residences on Brown Road, and the road is very short in length compared to other dirt roads in town.
- 4 - John doesn't believe there was any public safety issue or property damage issue on Brown Road
- 5 - trees on west side of Brown road were never marked by snow plow whereas trees on east side of Brown Road were marked by plow
- 6 - John asked if there is a personal agenda?
- 7 - John stated that the average CMP pole is a distance of 13 feet from the center of the Road.
- 8 - John and Yolanda said 47 trees were cut on their property, and only a few were even close to that same distance of 13 feet from the center.

Selectmen responded:

- 1 - each year road work is spread around town, and not done on just one road
- 2 - at past town meetings, voters voted not to pave Rome Road Ext.
- 3 - there has been a complaint about Brown Road being damaged by runoff from Bridges' driveway on east side of road, and this road work and crown should help the situation
- 4 - Gerry said that it was his suggestion to do work on Brown Road after conversation with Donnie Howard about winter road/plowing
- 5 - ditching on west side of road will help water runoff situation
- 6 - below Lori Drodge's place, the road is already surfaced, but it needs widening

Additional points from John: other parts of Brown Road have bigger problems such as entrance onto Rt 2 and drainage from Bob Fox property onto Tara Provost property. Will they be addressed?

Additional information:

- John Violette will clean up the wood. The Town will clean up branches.
- CMP poles will remain where they are.

(2) David Doane asked if Vern Worthen had received an answer from MMA as to whether the Town could cut trees on the Landry property to be used to pay for unpaid taxes through 2017. Tentative initial response from MMA was that Town could not use a town asset as a way to pay a private party's tax burden, but the MMA attorney will do more research and get back in touch with Vern.

The amount owed on the Landry property is approximately \$7000 which the Landry Estate originally agreed to pay by December 31, 2017.

(3) Shane Alexson contacted Vern Worthen by phone to inquire if the Town would enter into a payment plan with him as Co-Personal Representative of the Landry Estate. He stressed that he would be able to pay regularly. The Selectmen said that any plan allowing payment in full before April 1st of 2019 would include an estimated additional \$1700 (or a total of about \$8700) to cover what 2018 taxes would have been. Also the cost of liability insurance necessary to protect the Town's interests would need to be added to total to be paid by the Estate. Vern plans to talk with Shane and David on Saturday am when they meet with Fran.

Minutes from August 31, 2017 approved 3-0.

Winter roads – Salt has been delivered.

CMP – New CMP poles are being installed to replace old ones on many roads in town.

LRAP: Pike is measuring the length of the LRAP project

Roads:

- Taxpayers said thank you for fixing one culvert on Pond Road, will the other one be fixed?
- Erosion on Decker Road is in need of fixing.
- Resident on Brown Road requested that Town not mess around with the barrier on the edge of her property. Vern explained that he and a DEP official investigated the barrier, but did not mess around with it.
- John Violette said that a silt fence was needed on Brown Road to control sediment.
- Vern and DEP are looking at Hampshire Hill Road water drainage problem
- Vern sent letter to DOT regarding lowering speed limit on West Sandy River Road
- Price at Brown's Welding & Steel for a 4 by 8 by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch sheet of plate steel is **\$620**. Chris will look into pricing.
- John Violette asked if citizens have the right to do road surface repair. The answer is no.

GA ORDINANCE and Appendices for 2017-2018

Notice will be posted that public hearing will be held on Sept. 28 as required by state law and that the 2017-18 Appendices will be reviewed on September 28th before a vote is taken on their adoption.

Warrant approved 3-0

Community Center - Is a bigger propane tank needed?

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Varney, Secretary