

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting October 26, 2017
(approved 2-0 on 11/16/17)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present at the meeting: Selectmen Vern Worthen, Chris Tibbetts, and Norman Redlevske; Donnie and Julia Howard, Bob Crosby, Christine LeBlanc, Treasurer Yolanda Violette, Secretary Fran Varney.

Minutes: October 12 minutes approved (just before Gerry arrived) 2-0

Animal Control Officer:

- Bob Crosby introduced himself and his fiancée Christine LeBlanc; they are both certified as ACO's. Bob is available to serve as Mercer's ACO during Kathleen Ross' absence.
- Bob asked if Mercer authorizes reimbursement for emergency animal service costs; at this time Mercer does not pre-authorize such care.
- Selectmen discussed current issues with Waterville Humane Society (distemper problem, and temporarily not operating), and alternatives.

Roads:

Donnie Howard:

- Pond Road residents request more grading and culvert work
- Elm Street patch work ok
- Road will be tapered into Verna Parlin's driveway when work fits in well with LRAP project (or if it needs to be done before LRAP happens, it may be temporarily addressed).
- Culvert work on Brown Road discussed: likely 20 foot steel
- Surface work on Ladd Road requested
- Henry Stanford request for ditching on Rome Road (Selectmen will look at it, and Vern will respond by letter))
- Beaver Dam on Pond Road – both ends of culvert
 - Mercer's turn
 - Possibility of grant
- On Rome Road, tree removed

Yolanda Violette - Issues on Pond Road – holes on dirt road part, grading, dips in tar road part

Yolanda:

- MDOT survey re: flashing light (Vern will respond)
- Town received MDOT Right of Way Map re: Rt 2 and Brown Road; reviewed and filed

Annual audit:

- Keel Hood will do for \$3150, approved 3-0

Foreclosures:

- Agreement and first payment received from Shane Alexson (2014 tax year)
- Yolanda will check into Paul Taylor situation with his daughter Heather
- 2015 liens to be foreclosed in November - mobile homes not likely involved

Assessing:

- Fran reviewed page 9 of Municipal Valuation Return with Assessors
- Approved and signed 3-0

Warrant: Approved 3-0

SAD 54: School Board Minutes received.

Town Forest:

- Vern reviewed it, and the former town ballfield is likely ready for next harvest
- Vern has called Daren Turner; cost to work on bid specifications before snow flies is \$400. \$400 is approved 2-0-1
- Noted that pine pulp market is waning

First Responders:

- Dana Knight willing to offer a course to train more recruits
- Invite Dana to next meeting November 16

Mercer Community Center:

- Look into big propane tank
- Look into heat pump – estimated at \$2750.00
- Description – to be used in conjunction with pellet stove system

Dates for next meeting:

November 16

November 30

Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Varney, Secretary