

## SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2019

(approved 3/21/19)

- **Meeting** opened by Vern Worthen at 7:05 pm. Present Selectmen Vern Worthen and Gerry Redlevske, Treasurer Yolanda Violette, Secretary Fran Varney, Fred LaPlante, Ronald Gagnon, Donnie and Julia Howard, Jesse Crandall, Steven Moore, Joel Lamphere, Bjarki Gunnarsson.
- **Citizen** requests/comments:
  - 1 - Ronald Gagnon presented additional statements about the history of the plowing of Decker Road. He believes that a town employee plowed the road for about 12 years, creating a precedent. There were times during that period when he paid the winter roads contractor as an independent contractor. Ron Gagnon requested that the Selectmen notify him of their decision.
  - 2- Joel Lamphere discussed some of the ideas he has for improvements to West Sandy River Road as voted at March 2<sup>nd</sup> town meeting. Vern said that the Selectmen can meet with residents of the road when weather and road condition permit (possibly May) to discuss options. Discussion included how to make the \$30,000 go further, ditching, use of roller equipment. Notice will be emailed to residents when a date is set.
  - 3- Bjarki, Steve, and Fred discussed the possibility of a Road Plan. Jesse said if he is elected as Second Selectmen, he would like to see a Road Committee established.
  - 4 - Several years ago, Fred worked on a road plan, including the history of roads and location of culverts.
- Minutes of February 7 and February 21 were both approved 2-0.
- Warrant preview approved 2-0.
- Recount of election votes for Second and Third Selectmen positions will be March 12. There were 149 voters at the March 1<sup>st</sup> election.
- Roads –
  - 1 – Gerry and Donnie took care of tree on Pond Road.
  - 2 - Salt-sand ratio discussed for winter roads. Mercer ratio is 14 to 1. Nearby towns use more salt.
  - 3 – Vern took care of plow issue on Elm Street.
  - 4 – Discussion of posting roads and request of CMD to be allowed passage over posted roads. Vern will contact CMD. Seven posted road signs are in the office, Vern will look for 2 more. There was a discussion about the meaning of the 23,000 pound limit on posted roads.
- Yolanda presented a Quitclaim Deed for the Selectmen to sign (the Paul Taylor taxes have been paid in full).
- The AD Electric bill for blinking light equipment and repair is big, and Yolanda will check into it.

- Julia discussed the possibility of a free day for taxpayers at the transfer station. She mentioned how well the road pick up project on Rome Road works. Residents cooperate and load trucks to dispose of roadside trash. It would be a great thing to do town-wide.
- Bjarki and others discussed the town marker and boundary line between Mercer and Rome.
- Next meetings are March 21, April 4 and April 18. Discussion about posting and emailing.
- Steven Moore discussed timing of Budget Committee meeting for recommendations on the Annual Town Warrant.
- Warrant signed 2-0.

Adjourned 8:15