



Selectmen Work Meeting 4/3/2018
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Bernie O'Grady; Kathy Wile, Dave Morrison. Selectmen Moser was ill and could not attend.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bernie at 7:03 PM.

Approvals:

Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.

New Business:

Road Agent Dave Morrison was attending to discuss plans for work at highway department. First discussion was regarding truck 077, which was reported by repair service as needing a new engine and perhaps a limited lifespan after that. Decision to no longer invest in that vehicle, salvage dump body, tires, and anything else that could be used on other vehicles. Discussion about replacing it with a smaller truck with automatic transmission, perhaps with 4-wheel drive if possible. Dave will pursue that option.

Next topic was the road plan. Bernie brought to attention the Highway Construction Fund which contains \$3800, according to the town report. He would like to have Brenda verify that fund and be sure it can be spent with approval of selectmen, not needing town meeting vote?

SB38 fund was established to have a balance of \$51,033.25 available. Planning on ~ 5.6 miles of chip sealing for this season – Meetinghouse Hill Rd to Greenville Rd, Depot Rd from tracks up to Townsend Rd end, all of Brookline Rd, and Old County Rd. Dave will confirm start dates and get contracts done for the chip sealing.

Dave said he had gotten 3 bids for reclaiming and paving Darling Hill Rd, Vermont Roadworks bid selected as lowest. They will be doing the sweeping as well; the reclaiming set to be done the week of April 23rd, school vacation week, with paving to be done as soon as possible after reclaiming is completed. Total cost for the project will be \$40,350.50.

Going forward, pavement preservation will be key theme in the Road Restoration Plan. Total amount available for (paved) roads this year is \$277,840.34. After the cost of Darling Hill is spent, there remains \$237,489.84 for chip sealing and replacing culvert at the corner of Greenville Rd and Pratt Pond Rd, as well as the box culvert on Russell Rd. Dave will be getting prices for those projects. He said they had already replaced the culvert on Briggs Rd, which had rotted through on the bottom causing some flooding there, and that a similar culvert on Marcel Rd needs to be repaired, possibly with an insert.

Dave is also working with Eversource to see what incentives there may be for lighting, etc. within the new highway building. Bernie added that the sitework will be under contract by week's end.

Dave asked about ways to spread word about his summer youth employment project, and discussion was that word of mouth is good but should also be posted on the website for maximum information sharing.

Adjourned: Bernie motioned, second by Louise, to adjourn the meeting. Two votes to adjourn at 8:14 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:30 at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant