

Select Board Minutes  
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Attendance: Roger Winn, Peter Washington, Jessica Anderson, Daniel Richard

- 6:00 - Call to Order by Chair, Shelly Gobeille
- Open meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Sign A/P and payroll warrant
- Sign previous meeting minutes

PUBLIC HEARING- PRESUMPTION OF ABANDONMENT FOR A PORTION OF MOUNTAIN ROAD

- ❖ Shelly went over why we have called this meeting. She read the state statute that the presumption of abandonment is the passage of time (30 years) coupled with the lack of maintenance. Isolated acts of maintenance do not rebut the presumption of abandonment.
- ❖ Roger clarified as to whether a public easement would remain. Shelly indicated that with a statutory abandonment a public easement is retained by the town. She also explained that with a discontinuance the option is there for no public easement to be retained. Roger indicated as far as maintenance he knows the town has done nothing and he has repaired the road on his own dollar 3 times.
- ❖ No forms of evidence were submitted to prove that any maintenance has been done on this section of the Mountain Road in the last 30 years,
- ❖ Nichole provided an explanation of abandonment and discontinuance.
- ❖ Shelly explained that she would like to send a letter to the abutters and to speak with the abutters here on whether they would prefer to abandon the road leaving a public easement or see if the town will vote to discontinue the road with no public easement. The town has every right to abandon this portion of the road now based on the lack of maintenance evidence but would really prefer to get the opinion of the abutters as they would now be responsible (if they choose) to maintain the road. Shelly explained that in order to go the route of discontinuance the Board would need to guarantee that everyone still has access to their property potentially via a deeded right of way by some of the abutters to other abutters. Nichole to write letter and invite abutters to next meeting to discuss.
- ❖ The PUBLIC HEARING will be continued at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board reviewed and signed Assessors certification of Assessment for Tax Commitment. This year we also had to include a Special Assessment for the malfunctioning leach field at 286 Libby Road.
- Shelly spoke with Janet who indicated that they have a volunteer to put shelving up at the Recycling Center. Ken has picked up volunteer waiver forms to be signed prior to work being completed. Moulton Lumber donated the materials. Shelly volunteered Jeff to go tomorrow (Wednesday) to show Ken what we were thinking with shelving.
- The Board received a complaint from Matt Bryant via email regarding some dumping and burning on the Rocky Dundee Road. Nichole spoke to Norm about it because when the file was pulled there are no building permits for a dwelling or an occupancy permit. Nichole also reached out to Dave Neville who left a message at the office indicating that unless we are to catch them in the act or if it were on town property there is nothing he can do about it. Shelly will reach out to Dave to discuss.
- Received a written complaint from David Taylor regarding the speeding on Sanborn Road. Nichole has reached out to the York County Sheriff who indicated they would increase patrol in that area. Jeff mentioned also contacting Wakefield PD. Nichole to contact Wakefield PD. Nichole to respond to Mr. Taylor.

OLD BUSINESS


- Discussion on Maple Tree-large limb hanging into the Belle-Sinclair cemetery. Shelly indicated she can see there being a problem if that tree lets go. It would wipe out a majority of the stones. Shelly contacted Casey to take a look.

- Jones/Whitehouse Road. Received finding back from Title abstractor who indicated that the portion of what we call the Whitehouse Road that starts at the Libby Road through to what we call the Jones Road is actually the Jones Road that was never discontinued. The Whitehouse Road actually starts at the corner where the Jones Road “veers off”. Board would like to look at discontinuing that portion of the road and who would need to be paid damages. Also Nichole to check with Norm about how this affects the 911 system.
- John Moulton was in to discuss the Rescue per diem. This year they have been able to cover 41 of the 124 calls. Since July (when the 2<sup>nd</sup> per diem was added) they have been able to cover 12 of 24 calls. They have only had difficulty filling 1 shift as it was a late call out due to a sick kid. John covered this shift but not at the PSB. The Rescue purchased a new cardiac monitor for \$26K (they got \$3500 trade in on old machine) and they are making payments. The machine also reads carbon monoxide levels. The Board touched base regarding Steve McLean’s complaint from the previous meeting. John indicated that the Rescue had discussed keeping the per diem staffer available for Newfield calls in case Newfield had an emergency. In this instance John was able to come and take the fire truck and Nic manned the station. Nichole to give John’s email to Gloria so she can obtain some information for the comprehensive plan.
- Nichole went over the TRIO training and the new required upgrade. Board discussed looking into other software programs and their costs, and even reaching out to BMV to see what they recommend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO MRSA 405 (6)(A)

Meeting adjourns 7:22 pm

  
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Shelly Gobeille

  
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James McLaughlin