

SELECTBOARD MEETING JUNE 12, 2017 6P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Humphreys; Board Member Drexell White; Town Administrator Barbara Ashley; Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker; Finance Director Vicki Eugley; Northport Village Representative Paul Nyren and resident Martha Reeve. Board Member Shelly Patten and Road Commissioner Amon Morse were excused.

Northport Village:

Northport Village Representative Paul Nyren told the Board that the Village Overseers will meet again on June 18th. Nyren stated that he would like to ask the Selectmen what their thoughts are regarding pruning trees at a pump house on Shore Road that is in the Town right-of-way. He told the Board that many years ago former Overseer Syd Block had issued a letter stating the Village would pay to prune said trees in an effort to protect a neighboring land owner's view. Nyren continued by explaining that the last time these trees were pruned the cost was split between the land owner and the Village. Nyren asked the Board if they felt as though permission should be granted by them prior to any future pruning, where it is in the Town right-of-way. The Board agreed that if they are presented with something to act upon, they would first need to consult with Town Attorney Bill Kelly.

Board Chairman Mark Humphreys asked Nyren if the Overseers have hired a Patrol Officer yet; Nyren replied that they have not and are looking for two part-time officers.

Roads & Bridges:

Road Commissioner Amon Morse had reported to Town Administrator Barbara Ashley earlier in the day to provide her with an update and to let her know he would not be able to attend the meeting.

Ashley said that Morse wanted the Board to know he would be cutting the bamboo back at Saturday Cove this week.

Morse told Ashley that the street sweeping was done in the Village, although there are a couple of intersections that he needs to clean up.

There is a tree that had fallen on Broadway and Morse was asked to remove the larger log part of the tree, but the property owners had already cleaned up the smaller branches.

A complaint had been received about grading done on Flanders Road. The contractor had taken too much material from the middle of the road, which created a valley.

Morse will have ditching and culvert specs ready for the next meeting so they can go out to bid.

Nyren asked when the paving will be completed in the Village. Ashley replied that the completion of last year's paving project would hopefully be done by the end of the next week.

Nyren asked if drainage issues will be taken care of at the same time. White asked Nyren if he was referring to the swales; Nyren replied that he is, specifically in the area of the new house on Shore Road.

Ashley reported that she was told the speeds listed on Cross Street and Bayside Road are not Maine Department of Transportation approved. She explained that as a result from the last

speed study Bayside Road to George Street, and all of Cross Street, should be 35mph. She added that she is waiting to receive a copy of the actual report prior to ordering any signs.

Code Enforcement:

Ashey stated that there is no new news to report on the Ramsey matter other than that Attorneys for both parties are not required to go to Portland to provide testimony. She reported that the appeal filed by the Ramseys will be decided possibly in July or August.

Architect Letter:

Ashey suggested tabling the discussion about considerations regarding construction and architectural changes at Town Hall until new Board Member Shelly Patten can be present. Ashey stated that keeping construction to a minimum by adding a vault and storage closet possibly next year may be the better plan. The Board agreed to wait on discussions until Patten can attend.

Shaw Brook Bridge:

Ashey told the Board that the cracks in the Shaw Brook Bridge are still being evaluated. She stated that the last information she was given was that the Engineer, Contractor and their structural engineer were supposed to meet at the site and perform some sort of test. She added that there are more cracks, on the same side, that have developed since the discovery of the original one in November. Ashey informed the Board that Town Attorney Bill Kelly is involved and he thought it may be best if he took over the communication. She added that Kelly would like to file a "Surety Claim" for damages.

Saturday Cove:

Floats:

Ashey updated the Board on the status of the grant for new floats that Harbormaster Gordon Fuller applied for. She stated that she had received notification that the Town has been approved for the grant, but she is unsure at this time when the funding is available. Ashey said she would let the Board know more once she has received a contract to sign. Nyren asked how much the Town was approved for; Ashey replied that the Town was approved for two floats up to \$10,000.00 each.

White suggested that Ashey find out what the widths of the old floats are to ensure that the replacements will not encroach on the new float/ramp system in place.

Signs:

Ashey told the Board that the signs for Saturday Cove have been ordered. She listed off the detailed text of the signs, including one that states "Town Property Ends"; "Carry In-Carry Out" and "Open Dawn to Dusk".

Fire Department:

Ashey spoke to the Board in regards to the "wardensreport.com" online burn permit website. Ashey explained that the originator of the site has shut it down for the time being because, contrary to what he was told when he started the free online burn permit site, that the site is illegal as permits are not being issued by a legislative-approved process. Ashey stated Fire Chiefs from participating municipalities would receive a text, noting the location, each time a

resident obtained a permit, notification they do not receive through the approved methods. Ashley continued by telling the Board that the creator was issued a letter from the State which prompted him to move forward with the shutdown.

Transfer Station:

Ashley informed the Board that a contractor would be at the Transfer Station in the morning to spray for ticks. She added that another contractor, Frank Feener, would be providing an estimate on trimming trees back and adding gravel as a preventative measure going forward.

Finance Director:

Finance Director Vicki Eugley presented the Board with Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants for review and signatures. The Board reviewed the warrants and signed them as presented.

Minutes:

Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker presented the Board with draft minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting for review and approval.

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Under motion by Board Member Drexell White, second by Chairman Mark Humphreys, the Board voted 2-0 to approve the minutes as corrected.

Under motion by Board Member Drexell White, second by Chairman Mark Humphreys, the Board voted 2-0 to adjourn at 6:48p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Tucker
Town Clerk