



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

SELECTBOARD

November 10, 2015 Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

Selectboard Offices

Minutes

Board Members present: Chair Evan Johnson and Charley Rose

Regrets: Dick Wagner

Present: Administrative Assistant Peg O'Neal, Paul Dunlevy, Animal Control Officer Betty Mollison, Joel and Sara Upton, Jackie Gaughan and Leona Arthen.

Rabid Skunk: The Library reported a lethargic skunk to the Animal Control Officer Betty Mollison. Betty trapped it and brought it to Berkshire Veterinary Hospital to be tested for rabies. Betty reported that the animal tested positive for rabies as reported by the Hospital and The Department of Health. Betty emphasized the importance of rabies vaccinations. Rabies is on the rise in Massachusetts.

Public Hearing: Evan opened the Public Hearing to discuss the discontinuance of Winter Maintenance on the following roads from November 15, 2015 to May 1, 2016:

Almon Johnson Road	Feakes' Driveway to West Street
Dingle Road	Lord's Driveway to Hall's Driveway
Goss Hill Road	Augustin's Driveway to Chester Line
Kinne Brook Road	Jeff Mason's Driveway to Chester Line
Patterson Road	Welch's Driveway to Chester Line
Prentice Road	Upton's Driveway to Fairman Road
South Worthington Road	Beyond Barry's Driveway
Starkweather Road	River Road End will not be plowed
Thayer Hill Road	Sweeney's Driveway to John Ryan's Drive
West Street	Plehn's Driveway to Chester Line

Discussion of Kinne Brook Road Bridge ensued. The Board anticipates the repair of the bridge, and during that repair a single lane will be open.

Dingle road was discussed. Evan will have a discussion with Cork Nugent about Dingle Road.

Evan made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:15 P.M. Charley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Upton suggested a road inventory. It was suggested to use some of the data from the pole count that will be done for the Broadband effort.

ACTION ITEMS and DISCUSSION:

Minutes:

October 27th minutes were signed. November 3rd ABM and Regular minutes were reviewed.

Correspondence:

Surplus Graders': Bill of Sale was signed.

Project Request: Cork Nugent requested that the Buffington Hill Rd. Rt. 143 road project request be cancelled. The money was used for design work for 143. The request was signed.

Project Request Form for line painting was signed.

Joint Use Agreement training: Peggy will attend

WiredWest November 6th meeting:

Several points were made and discussed about the draft agreement:

The office is located centrally at the Hampshire Council of Governments in Northampton.

If the town withdraws it does not take any assets with it.

A 2/3 vote is required to get out of the contract. Charley will look into this. The weighted vote was discussed. Every town will be a member of the co-op. Every town will have to appoint a Director that will be voted in by the co-op.

Acts of nature: A town can be thrown out if they are unable to pay.

Quarterly meetings will be held.

Any excess revenue will be put into debt.

The document is going back to the draft stage based on comments from the meeting. The final draft will be available to be signed by the towns in January.

Transfer Station: Disposal Attendant Dave Croke wants to start working tomorrow. Dave will need permission from his doctor to be allowed to work. Evan will be at the dump when it opens tomorrow.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Notice of tax taking list

MRF rebate

Adjournment: Charley adjourned at 9:25 to sign the warrant. Evan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux

Recording Secretary