

Town of Orange Select Board Minutes

May 11, 2015

Orange Town Hall

In attendance: Ron Tallman, George Wild, Dustin Comstock, Kathie Felch, Lynn Craig, John Barnes, Deputy Sheriff Eggum, John Pellegrini, Kyle Bedard, Roland Bedard, Dane Deberville, John-Marc Thivierge, Becky Jones, Marion Aubertin, Terri Crawford, Michael Stone, Dick Covey (Pike Industries)

At 6:02 p.m. Board Chair Ron Tallman called the meeting to order.

Item # 2 - Dustin excused himself from the bid opening. Ron & George opened the sealed bids for the Reservoir Road paving project with the following bids and completion dates submitted.

- Green Mountain Paving - \$109,375.00 – 7/15/15
- Johnson Paving Company - \$111,554.00 – NONE LISTED
- S.T. Paving, Inc - \$116,250.50 – 8/30/15
- Frank W. Whitcomb Const Corp. - \$89,817.69 – 6/19/15
- Pike Industries Inc - \$91,259.52 – 6/5/15

It was agreed that both the low bidders were capable companies for the job and George Wild made a motion to grant the bid to Frank W. Whitcomb Const Corp and Ron Tallman 2nd the motion.

Item # 3 - Ron opened the floor to discuss the proposed Richardson Road parking area & gate by the Central Vermont ATV Club.

- Becky Jones – expressed her concern with safety, additional people, trash, parties, and noise. She is also concerned with people on her property that she gives the right of way to Bedards. She may have to gate it to keep people off her property.
- Marion Aubertin – Has no problem with the parking lot or the trail system.
- Terri Crawford – CVATV Club Treasurer – Wanted to confirm it is a Trail not a Class 4 Road
- Ron Tallman - verified for the record that it is the Notch Trail and it is a trail which means in VSA.Title 19.1110 – No motorized vehicles are allowed other than registered ATV's/Snowmobiles with the state, VASA or VAST. Mud trucks would have to form a club and be recognized by the state to be able to access. And the sheriff's dept. will be around to patrol the speed and legal vehicles on Richardson Road.
- Mike Stone – Advised that the ATV Club will maintain gate and signs at end of trail stating no ATV's past this point coming onto Richardson Road. They will install a Billboard with a map system, rules and regulations etc. They will install a new bridge either 6 – 10 ft. wide depending on the board's request. They will clear for parking lot but leave a line of trees to buffer the sound to area property owners. They take pride in their trail system and will do everything to make this work for all parties involved. They will continue to advise any non-members using the trail the rules and regulations etc.
- It was suggested that game cameras and solar lighting be installed for added security.
- John Pellegrini – Suggested giving access to EMS with a universal key on the gate.
- Ron Tallman – Thanked everyone for coming and the discussion and that the board would discuss with attorney and each other and get back to the club.

Item # 4 - No bids were submitted for the Town Clerk/Town Hall Repairs.

Item # 5 - The board discussed the recommendation from the Town Forester regarding removing some trees in the Town Sand Pit. It is a 2 acres piece of land with blown over broken trees. George suggest that they cut it all to clean it up. They would get about \$2,500 and the money would go to the town. Forester Markus Bradley would contract with a logger get it done. Dustin Comstock made a motion to remove the down trees and whatever needs to be done to clean up the area. George Wild 2nd the Motion.

The board skipped to item # 11 to consider approving a driveway access permit for Marion Aubertin on Richardson Road. George wants a swale so water will run into the ditch. Town will do some ditch work on both sides. They approved a minimum 15" metal culvert 16 ft. long and will need to cut out some of the bank to make it level w/road to help keep the water out of the road.

Item # 10 Driveway Access Permit for Jeff Tremblay on Cramp Road – The board is concerned that it is pretty steep so he will have to crown really well and ditch both sides to keep water out of the road. They approved a minimum 15" culvert. But it will need to be maintained and use decent material as it will be 30 ft wide.

Item # 6 – Board discussed the recommendations for driveway access on Smith Road. They agreed to put a 4" berm across driveway 10-12' before town road to create a swale divert water into the woods on the low side of driveway.

Item # 7 – Nothing new to report on the Manning Road Bridge Project for 2015 Kathie will contact Doug Newton.

Item # 8 – Discussed hot mix vs cold patch. We could use hot mix but have no way to keep it hot. They discussed making our own machine but have no time. Maybe rent one from the city or town of Barre. This will be looked into further.

Item # 9 – Letter will be written this week to address the Violation of Ordinance # 8 on Helgesen Road and will be emailed to the board member to approve and Ron Tallman will come into office to sign by Thursday.

Item # 12 – George Wild made a motion to accept the contract with Washington Fire Department and Dustin Comstock 2nd. They will also be testing the new hydrant to see how many GPM.

Item # 13 – They discussed purchasing culvert thawing equipment within the budget for 2016. Current cost \$6,195.

Item 1 – George made a motion to accept the April 13th, 2015 minutes with the changes to remove Kathie's name in reference to properly cite the resident on Helgesen Road. Dustin Comstock 2nd.

Item 14 – The board approved payroll & accounts payable warrants.

Item 15 – Review Budget – Tabled but reviewed preliminary budget.

Item 16 – Other business – Signed fleet permits, discussed that the Town Clerk's office is now accepting credit cards and one transaction has been processed so far. Kathie has set up line striping for Tucker Road to happen in the near future and for Reservoir Road once paving project complete. George wants

to pave Cutler Corner road from Barre Town Line to the 4 corners. Ron advised that he discussed the verbal assault with Contois to Paula Russell about the dog complaint over the weekend and he advised to issue a warning with 5 days to take care of the dog. Keep file on record.

The board then discussed the CVATV Club parking lot proposal as discussed in item # 2. They agreed to approve with a 10' gate, lockbox for EMS, Solar Light for parking area, 10' bridge, Keep line of trees to buffer sound, and wants to move entrance to parking area up as indicated on plans. They also suggested a game camera. Dustin Comstock made the motion to approve project with above suggestions on a trial basis for the summer and if it does not work out they will shut it down. George Wild 2nd. Kathie will write letter explaining to Mike Stone and Ron will come into sign this week.

Next meeting June 8th 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

George Wild made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. and Dustin Comstock 2nd.

Attest: Lynn Craig, Assistant Town Clerk