BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

PRESENT from the Board of Selectmen: Mrs. Diane Vayda; Chairman, Mr. David J. Pierce, Vice-Chairman, and Roland Sickenberger, Clerk

Call Meeting to Order in Open Session at 6:00 PM

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to meet with the Conservation Commission and Highway Superintendent to discuss the ongoing matter of the Shea Road Culvert Replacement Project.

Shea Road, which is a highly travelled road experienced a partial collapse of the culvert that runs under the road, near Sucker Brook. Highway Superintendent, James Daley, along with all the members of the Conservation Commission, Selectman Pierce and Fire Captain, Richard Lapierre performed a site visit on March 29, 2021. At that time a discussion took place and Mr. Daley requested to do an emergency repair (repair/replace with in kind). At the time, no vote was taken nor was the "meeting" posted in order to comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. Mr. Mazzarese, who was a sitting member at the time and also present (3-29-21) contacted MassDEP for guidance on the matter. Notwithstanding the Emergency Repair Order, a Notice of Intent (NOI) still needs to be filed accordingly. The call from Mr. Mazzarese to MassDEP resulted in a much more in-depth and costly finding from DEP, one which the town cannot afford. Mr. Lussier consulted with Joyce Eichacker who serves as the Chair to the Town of Warren's Conservation Commission and her opinion was a repair/replace. It was asked of Mr. Daley to fix as quickly and neatly as possible. Mr. Provencher and Mr. Carroll both agreed to fix it before the winter to make it safe. Mr. Daley said that an in-kind match would allow for minimal disturbance and he will work with the Fire Department on the dry hydrant. Anticipated repairs should take no more than two days on site. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to approve the Emergency Repair Order for the culvert and dry hydrant on Shea Road and for Mr. Daley to advise the Conservation Commission as to when his anticipated start date would be made by Mr. Silva; second: Mr. Provencher – unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Constables as presented and shown as Attachment A made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

SINGLE SIGNATORY

In light of both Mr. Pierce and Mr. Sickenberger being away for the next treasury warrant, the following motion was made: Motion to allow Diane Vayda to be the sole signatory on 22 P 6 & 22 W 6 in accordance with G.L. c41, §53 made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous. (Warrants will be ratified at the next posted meeting)

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra

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Executive Secretary

Roland Sickenberger, Clerk

9/28/21

Date Approved

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ATTENDANCE SHEET
JOINT MEETING WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Present:

Members of the Board of Selectmen:

Diane Vayda, David Pierce, Roland Sickenberger and Executive Secretary, Rebecca Acerra

Members of Conservation Commission:

Rick Provencher, Brian Silva, Paul Lussier, Steve Carroll and Clerk, Pam Skowyra

Highway Superintendent:

James Daley