

# TOWN OF MONSON

*"A town where friendliness is more than just a word"*

## **April 22, 2021 – Select Board Meeting**

**Present** – Buddy Martin, Tyler Adkins, Eric Vainio, Daniel Swain, John Moore, Ricky Clawson

**Zoom** – Brian Turner, Bobbie Crockett, Sue Adams

- 1) Meeting opened at 7:00PM
- 2) Selectboard approves prior meeting minutes and signs warrants
- 3) Buddy Martin officially opens meeting to public comment

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bobbie noted that the sign company will be coming to add cement to the sign posts. She also mentioned that wheelchairs may damage snap together flooring which may void a warranty on the flooring.

Rick Clawson asked what is going on with Public Works as it doesn't look as though anything is getting done. Daniel explained that Steve has been out and Arvo Korsman has been helping with a few projects. It was also noted that there is a tree on a culvert on the Steward Road which could cause the culvert to plug if it rains.

John Moore asked why the culvert on the Elliottsville Road needs to be replaced. Daniel stated that plans have changed, and the culvert may not be replaced.

Sue Adams informed the group that the Elliottsville Foundation will be doing some work in the Wilson Stream area and will be holding 2 public information sessions. One will be a virtual session on May 12 and the other will be on site at Big Wilson Stream on June 5.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED**

### **TOWN MANGER REPORT**

Daniel provided updates on the following:

The painting in the meeting room is complete and he will be putting out an RFP for the ADA ramp and the side doors at the gym.

Flooring quotes were received and Daniel showed the comparison between the companies that bid. Bids were for snap together flooring and Daniel will reach out to them, as well as King's in Newport to get more pricing on vinyl and wood glue down tiles.

Steve will be out of work until further notice. Arvo did some work to the Degestrom Road to make it passable.

Fire Department calls and transfer station tonnage for demo and MSW were submitted for the month of March.

The trench for the electric vehicle charging stations will have to be cut through the pavement. Revision gave a price of \$80.00 per foot to dig from the pole to the bandstand. Daniel will get other quotes for the work and submit them to Revision.

John Wentworth and Glenn Poole donated repairs to the canal fence and the WiFi router has been installed in the gym. Daniel has received complaints about the reliability of the WiFi.

Completed budget and public works task list were submitted to the selectboard for review.

## **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

Eric asked if there is a formal schedule for summer roadwork that includes when the work will be done. Daniel stated that there is no formal schedule, just the list of what will be done.

## **TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:** No report

**BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:** No report

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** Daniel will ask the Beautification Committee to attend the next meeting to explain what they have been doing and what their plans are.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Dangerous Buildings Enforcement Update:** Brian Turner stated that the owner of 8 Mitchell Street has not done anything with the property, and it is now up to the town to proceed with demolishing the building. He is also working on several other properties with dangerous buildings. The owners of 31 Water Street did clean up the back of the building and there has been a bucket loader on the property all winter. It is now up to the selectboard to make sure progress continues to be made.

Daniel spoke to Arvo about demolishing 8 Mitchell Street. The building is falling apart and full of junk. Brian noted that a person would be unable to get on the building and all the material would need to go in dumpsters. Buddy Martin motioned to demolish the building, seconded by Tyler Adkins.

**IT Contract Discussion:** Daniel noted that Bob Keyes did not submit a bid to the town for IT services so there were ultimately only 2 bids submitted. Of the 2 bidders, Snow Pond Technology Group has the most municipal experience and the best price. Buddy Martin motioned to accept the bid from Snow Pond Technology Group, seconded by Tyler Adkins.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Use of Town Property:** Daniel noted that the Entrepreneurship Group has purchased a small artists cabin and would like to place it between the town office and the historical building during the summers so local vendors may use it to sell their products. Customers would be encouraged to park on Water St. behind the historical building. The Entrepreneurship Group would be responsible for moving the building and storing it for the winter.

**Summer Road Plan:** Daniel submitted the updated summer road plan for review. The updated road plan includes the following projects:

Grading Barrows Falls Road, resurfacing one mile of the Degestrom Road, including peeling back the top layer, putting down fabric and stone and adding 4" – 6" of gravel, ditching and culvert work on the second half of the Elliotsville Road, ditching and culverts on Garage Street, grading Indian Point Loop, ditching a 200 yard section of the Moosehorn Road, mowing and tree trimming on North Guilford Road and Pleasant St., ditching and culverts on Willimantic Road. The town will get a bond to pave the Elliotsville and Willimantic Roads.

Discussion followed about Degestrom Road with Buddy stating that the top layer of dirt should be used to shape the road, Buddy and Brian both feel that 12" of gravel will be required to do the work properly. John Moore suggested only fixing the bad spots. Buddy agreed. The bad spots will be marked out and fixed with fabric and gravel.

Daniel noted that he would like to have the pre-paving prep work on the Elliotsville and Willimantic Roads done as soon as possible and would like to hire Chad Davis and Arvo Korsman to do the work. Buddy agreed as long as they will submit estimates with a 10% leeway. Eric and Tyler both want to put the work out to bid as the town just adopted a new bidding policy 2 weeks ago. Daniel will put the work out to bid.

Daniel then explained that he removed the crack sealing from the road plan as the town needs to finish paying Allstate for paving work done 2 years ago. Tyler noted that the money should have been added to the budget and discussed at the budget meetings. The selectboard feels that crack sealing is an important part of road maintenance. The topic will be discussed further at the next meeting and Daniel will also speak to Allstate about the best ways to maintain roads.

Eric asked if the artists cabin will be a liability to the town and if it will need to be added to the insurance policy. Daniel will find out.

Brian Turner noted that lots of trees have blown over this year and will need to be picked up out of the right of way. He feels that the quickest and least expensive way to get it done would be to hire "Young Mace" on Bates Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.