

1 **Selectboard**
2 **July 20, 2020**
3 **Special “Virtual” Meeting**

4 *All minutes are draft until approved by the Selectboard; please check future minutes for approval of these minutes.*
5 *Meetings may be videotaped; recordings are held by Green Mountain Access Television. GMATV info: PO Box 581, Hyde*
6 *Park, 05655; info@greenmountainaccess.tv or 802-851-1592*

7 Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roland Boivin; Dave Gagnier; Brian Shackett
8 Members Absent: Roger Audet
9 Virtual Attendees: Carol Fano, Hosting meeting; Russell Nichols; Liz Courtney, Gihon Valley Hall; Town Road
10 Foreman Mark French

11 Susan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- 12 1) **Welcome** and no changes to the agenda.
- 13 2) **Tallman Road** – Russell Allen reviewed the condition of the private road off Silver Ridge Road, noting that a
14 rotted culvert has been replaced and that he was aware the town had a road acceptance policy. Russell noted
15 that Matt Reed has helped with the survey work and septic designs for the four residential lots on this road.
16 Russell reviewed the process for taking the road over, original design issues, does it need to a town road or
17 town specs, fire safety design does not mean it becomes a town road for maintenance, a 16-foot or 18-foot
18 wide road is minimum with pull-off and turnaround, road association or not, why does the “contract” say
19 Tallman Road need to be a town road or town spec, will lots sell better with private or public road, Russell
20 stated prefer not to be a public road since it invites visitors, grade maximum is for emergency service access,
21 more than 3 houses requires additional standards under zoning, length of the road would be about 600 feet,
22 and Russell will be in touch and the board members will look at the road.
- 23 3) **Center Road Culvert Bids** – Brian Shackett reported bids were opened today (Mark French appeared at this
24 point). Bid results:
- 25 N.A. Manosh: \$65,675.00
26 Avery Excavation Inc.: \$66,600.00
27 J. Hutchins: \$45,121.00
28 C.C.S. : \$83,000.00
29 Lamoille Construction: \$54,000.00
- 30 Mark French stated that J. Hutchins has worked for the town recently and they have stood behind their work.
- 31 4) **Proposal for Town-Wide Paving Plan Scope of Work** – Summit Engineering – Brian asked for borings of soil
32 for Center Road before deciding the surface treatment to help prepare the RFP for bids which is the next step
33 and more information will be obtained as culverts are replaced by J. Hutchins. Mark asked about the
34 Cleveland Corners Road resurfacing – and the Board did not think it would be included. Brian stated that the
35 Town needed to make sure the subsurface was in good condition. Roland thought the subbase is in good
36 condition. Susan asked if borings was needed where culverts were needed, and David said new material is
37 placed near culverts, so it doesn’t tell you subbase condition between cross culverts. Mark concurred boring
38 was a good first step and Summit will be contacted for more information on moving forward. Dave felt it was
39 important to have bids on the same scope of work. Roland stated that the road does not frost heave and it
40 was black topped about 30 years ago with a chip seal 12 years ago. Mark felt the base has held up well.
41 Roland felt that 8” of gravel down the middle will help level the road surface and Roland felt the blacktop
42 was 6” of less thick, so grinding up the pavement would result in a great road. Mark said adding gravel impacts
43 driveways so knowing the subbase is good to know before paving. Dave noted fabric and underdrain are
44 under sections of the road as well, so it has help up well over 30 years. Brian suggested we table the Summit
45 work and wait to see what the culvert excavations show for depth of pavement and anything else before
46 moving forward with borings. Brian felt the Summit work could be tabled because the road is in good
47 condition due to no substantial deterioration over 30 years. Brian felt that the concrete work at the town
48 garage floor drains could be done by the town highway crew to save money. Susan asked if it was a good

1 idea to divert their time to concrete work and Mark noted that had a big list before winter. Motion by Dave
2 to accept the low bid from J. Hutchins, Inc. for \$45,121.00 for culvert replacements from the Morristown
3 Town Line to Cleveland Corners Road. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

4 5) **Gihon Valley Hall Committee** – Letter of Support Cultural Facilities Grant Application. Liz Courtney provided
5 an overview of the grant application being prepared to support fire and safety improvements and energy
6 efficient heat pumps and a Selectboard letter of support is required. Susan noted that the town voters have
7 provided \$17,500 and the Selectboard has encouraged the committee to seek matching grant resources. This
8 grant is a 50-50 match program. Liz noted that windows are not allowed under this grant so about \$6,500
9 from the \$17,500 is reserved for windows. Susan asked for a list of priorities for the building and if the full
10 request is not awarded what would move forward. Susan noted that the window work, that is not grant
11 funded, should be looked at again by the Board before that work moves forward. Liz felt that the windows
12 would be good to do if funding allows and other grant programs are available for future years. Dave stated
13 that from the 2020 Town Meeting, there was discussion about not needing another request after the
14 \$17,500. The Board was agreeable to sending a letter of support for the grant. Liz said the letter of support
15 is July 27th. Liz stated that another high priority project is wi-fi at the Hall which is about \$1,500/ year through
16 Comcast from the \$3,500 annual budget and the Board agreed that it would be important to pursue with
17 Comcast. Liz stated the new service would be a community hot spot as well as allow cell service while near
18 the Hall. Susan thanked Liz for the information and work being accomplished. Motion by Dave to authorize
19 Susan to sign the letter of support for the Cultural Facilities Grant. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 4 in favor, 0
20 against, motion passed.

21 6) **Review minutes:** Motion by Dave to approve the 06/15/2020, 06/29/2020, 07/10/2020, 07/14/2020 &
22 07/16/2020, as written. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

23 7) **Other Business & Notices**

24 a) **Eden Street Closure** – Roland said he felt the state highway traffic is fast for the village side road traffic
25 entering Route 15. Dave felt side roads help revitalize the Village and Susan noted that the village has
26 seven entrances and directing traffic to less entrances could help focus redevelopment on those roads.
27 Dave felt closing a road would set a precedent, and other neighborhoods could ask to close roads. Are
28 there traffic counts from the Better Connections study? Roland asked if the community could be asked
29 what they think about a temporary closure and Susan said the pop-up trials could go in for a short-term
30 then the public would be able to comment on their experiences.

31 b) **Jon Cloud Estate** 0.25-acre donation on Centerville Rd – Town Attorney is working with Estate.

32 c) **Traffic Ordinance** – Suggestions for speed limit studies in addition to Cricket Hill Road and North Hyde
33 Park Road/Ferry Street. The Board asked if VT100 35mph speed zone near the NHP/Eden fire station
34 could be extended northerly, so the slower speed was in front of the fire station. Signs needed to
35 complete the installations to support the 2018 Traffic Ordinance cost about \$125.00 each without labor.

36 d) **Bid Opening** – Brian said it would be good to have better access to the lower level during the day.

37 e) **Highway Gravel Stockpile** – Dave talked about gravel being used up with flood damage and how does
38 the reimbursement replenish the town's stockpile. Brian said FEMA is more like an insurance policy.
39 Susan said the reimbursement rate is 92.5% and the money covers the expenses paid by taxpayers and
40 all expenses are accounted for separate from the town normal expense budget. Dave asked when the
41 FEMA funds would be received, and Roland said it will come eventually but the time frame is unknown.
42 Alli and Ron can come in to report on the FEMA projects and reimbursements, as well as COVID
43 reimbursements.

44 8) **Adjourn** – Motion by Roland to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Brian. So, voted.

45 Audio Link to this meeting:

46 <https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/1a9a00c8b3f504f33ddf829e92bac9a08418eb2ea0b4aada5db7cb106>
47 [36abb25](https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/1a9a00c8b3f504f33ddf829e92bac9a08418eb2ea0b4aada5db7cb106)