

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

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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 Others Present: Town Administrator Ron Rodjenski; Town Road Foreman Mark French; Melanie
10 Rodjenski
11 Virtual Attendees: Town Finance Director Alyson Cusson; Ryan Nolan and Mark Lehouillier

12 Susan opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

- 13 1) **Welcome** and no changes to the agenda.
- 14 2) **Highway Department** – Susan explained that she was feeling frustration with not being able to resolve issues
15 brought forward by board members and stated she will do better as the Chair in this area. She provided
16 examples of members being able to contact town office staff (cell #'s now provided) and debating best road
17 treatment methods (Mark French will be invited to board meetings to share his information directly with the
18 full board). Susan recommended that a next step to improving resolution of issues is to review all positions
19 that are involved with highway decisions and work tasks, developing a written matrix to review specific tasks
20 and assign those to the various positions. Susan noted that this is a process like used to restructure the town
21 office when creating the new Town Finance Director position. Susan stated that the highway liaison position
22 should not be a part-time job with accepting duties that paid staff should be managing. Ron noted that overall,
23 the town is in a good position with highway services, but improved communication with annual tasks and
24 weekly tasks would help keep everyone informed. Invitations to bid and repair town drainage systems are
25 being advertised this week with the Board hopefully selecting contractors at the August 17 monthly meeting.
- 26 3) **Bartlett Tax Sale** – The next step, since Bartlett paid all taxes owed except \$100 on July 31st, is a 30-day notice
27 in the newspaper that the Selectboard intends to transfer the land back to Mr. Bartlett. The notice will be
28 published on August 6th. Motion by Brian to proceed with the 30-day notice to sell town property. Seconded
29 by Roland. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 30 4) **Tyler Maynard Zoning Matter** – 501 Diggins Road - Susan reported that the neighbors have come to an
31 agreement which will resolve the zoning issues when Tyler’s home was built on the Kusserow property line.
- 32 5) **Highway Garage Oil/Water Separator** – Brian reported that to save money he could move the project forward
33 by working with the town highway crew instead of hiring a concrete company and he will come with a
34 complete plan to review at the August 17 meeting. Mark French said he would look at the highway work plan
35 and report that information on the 17th.
- 36 6) **Water Project** – Ron recommending designating Mark French as the Board agent to plan and implement road
37 closures with the water project contractor. Motion by Roland to authorize Mark French to make decisions on
38 temporary road closures to facilitate the water project on and near Main Street. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 4
39 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 40 7) **LVRT Campers** – Susan noted that the Sheriff Dept was extremely helpful responding to neighborhood
41 complaints and this issue is now resolved. The Board agreed to not take any additional actions at this time.
- 42 8) **New Gravel Pit** – Dave reported that Howard Manosh is interested in discussing the sale of about 10 acres to
43 the town for a future town gravel pit. Dave will bring more information to the August 17 meeting.
- 44 9) **Executive Session** – Motion by Dave to move into executive session to discuss labor negotiations, Seconded
45 by Roland. So voted.
- 46 10) **Adjourn** – Motion by Roland to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Brian. So, voted.