

7:02pm

Eric Chase, Michael Reese, Phil Dechert, Shawn Pickett, Betsy Seibeck, Ellen DesMeules, Scott Woodward, Emily Grube, Ona Chase, Arthur Lewin, Laura Kent; Greg Greene; Greg Tuthill;

Public Comment: condolences to Jeff Robinson's family; big loss to the town; funeral Saturday 2pm, at UU Church in Woodstock;

Agenda:

Add the following to the agenda:

Fire Truck Addendum
Administrative Assistant
EC Fiber Agreement
Heating Oil

Phil Dechert moves to approve amended agenda, Michael Reese seconds. Unanimous;

Phil Dechert moves to adopt the minutes of Nov 19, 2015. Eric Chase seconds it. Unanimous;

Phil Dechert moves to approve 15038 in the amount of \$13,283.58 with the exception of a \$1950 payment for school snow removal to be authorized at a later time. Michael Reese seconds it. Unanimous;

Phil Dechert moves to approve 15037 in amount \$753,666.95. and 15036 in amount of 6,216.44; Michael Reese seconds it. Unanimous;

Budget Status Report: briefly discussed; Laura Kent raised concerns about shifting categories;

Road Foreman's Report:

finished leaf blowing; tractor leaking oil (not sure where it's coming from; will investigate); quit doing the ditching because ground was freezing;
everything ready for winter (sanders); sanded once around yesterday; Will start trimming trees and cutting brush; will go around fixing ruts in a few places;
insurance claim is on the list; Traffic signs on speed limit signs;

Speed limit rules: when reduce speed 10 miles or more, need to have a reduced speed limit signs;

Tractor: Art is working on identifying the correct specs; can work on it after the first of the year;

Road Crew Worker: Art and Eric Chase will work on putting out more advertisements;

Snowplowing for Prosper Valley School: difference between the school and town paying the expense; an expense paid by school is subject to 1.5% markup;

Art noted he pushes back snow at the school; last year about 3x a year taking about 3 hours; done early morning to avoid vehicles during school hours.

Phil Dechert will meet with School Board member and WCSU business manager;

Phil Dechert moves to pay the bill, Eric Chase seconds it; unanimous;

Traffic Ordinance: Eric Chase moved to approve the changes to the ordinance, Phil Dechert seconds it; unanimous;

Michael Reese will arrange the notice;

Shaun Pickett thanks us;

Delinquent Tax Collection:

Still not gotten resignation from collector of delinquent taxes; Give a letter for Ellen to include;

Addendum 1 to fire truck RFP: Eric Chase moves to go with 1 and 2 of the draft addendum extending question period and attendance at pre-bid meeting, but not 3 which addresses stability of truck. Phil Dechert seconds it; Unanimous

Bid Process: Scott Woodward suggested a process that includes having a committee to create a short list among bidders; No action taken.

Town Highway Equipment List

Michael Reese moves that we adopt the Town Highway Equipment list prepared by Road Foreman for the Town Report. Phil Dechert seconds it; Unanimous;

Phil Dechert will contact Ellen to coordinate with VLCT to update insurance;

Covered Bridges Half Marathon: request; Michael Reese moved to approve it including that Pomfret be included as a named beneficiary on the insurance policy. Phil Dechert seconds it; Unanimous;

Hurricane Riders Snowmobile Club request: Road Foreman raised issue of packing down snowbanks, especially Graves Road. Phil Dechert moved to approve the use of the roads listed in the letter (Joe Ranger and Bunker Hill Road) in the email, and supply us with a map of the roads you are actually using, and secondly there is an issue with the groomer packing down snowbanks and please contact Road Foremen to discuss the issue. Michael Reese will email them.

Administrative Assistant:

Tuesday, 6pm for interviews; 7pm for the budget meeting;

Heating Oil/Propane: Phil Dechert will look into it;

EC Fiber HUB agreement; Agreement is the same that we posted 30 days ago, except add in starting date and period of 30 year lease.

Budget: Phil Dechert got together with Fire Chief and Mark Warner helped; Fire Department, Open stuff on budget stuff, FAST Squad, Listers (need to get together with Norm on that),

Correspondence: Invitation for luncheon in Montpelier and legislators; Green Up day for \$50 in budget; Cloudland Road speed ; Request for appropriation for Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task

Force;

Next Meeting's Agenda: interviews potential assistants, budget and ec fiber;

Public Comment: None.

Eric Chase moves to adjourn, Phil Dechert
seconds; Unanimous;

9:02pm;