

November 24, 2020

Selectboard Budget Meeting

Present: Emily Grube, Steve Chamberlin, Scott Woodward, John Peters, Chuck Gunderson

Public: John Moore (Planning Committee), Betsy Rhodes (Library), Ben Brickner (ZBA, Auditor), Neil Lamson (Lister), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm
2. No public comment
3. Agenda Review – missing from the Agenda are: Dog letter, 3-way stop at Pomfret Road/Stage Road/Library Street intersection
4. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Dog Letter – Emily moved we adopt the form letter as first response to problems; Scott seconded. Discussion – Scott felt the wording might lead to misunderstanding of a legal finding. John felt it could be more friendly. Chuck felt the current letter says exactly what it needs to say. Scott suggested the board discuss at an upcoming meeting. Chuck moved and John seconded that we use the current letter as the FIRST contact. Unanimous roll-call vote.
 - b. Teago Intersection – Jim has gotten permission from VTrans to replace the single stop sign to a 3-way stop at the intersection of Pomfret Rd., Stage Rd., and Library St. for the winter, with the Pomfret Rd closure extending through the winter. Chris Bump told him this temporary arrangement can be voted in by the Board with no need for a traffic study. The change should slow down the traffic and improve safety. Chuck moved and Steve seconded. Unanimous roll-call vote.
 - c. Budget – The highway budget discussion continued. Scott is researching funding sources, i.e., grants and financing options. It is understood that we need to determine a long-term solution and to adopt a long-range plan. The grader and loader need to be replaced in the next few years. Scott will research USDA grant possibilities. The board will continue to investigate options.
5. Meeting Wrap-Up
 - a. Selectboard Correspondence – Emily received the unpaid ambulance bill.
 - b. Agenda Items for Next meeting – Budget, Ambulance services and bills, reaffirm the Teago 3-way stop.
 - c. Adjournment – at 8:20 Scott moved and Steve seconded for adjournment;