

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda  
October 7, 2019

At a Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, October 7, 2019 the following people were in attendance: Stanley Holz and Peter Corey.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter into non-public session at 6:02 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a), the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee for the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. All in favor, 2-0. Motion passed.

Non-Public session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Peter Corey, acting Chairperson, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Keith Huntoon, 68 Union Street, attended the meeting to discuss the questions he has about the drainage off of Route 3 and all the other issues that have going on at his property. Rob Larson said he has met with Mr. Huntoon to review the issue, and Route 3 is controlled by DOT, and DOT doesn't want to make that repair until we do the water project in the spring. Mr. Larson said actually that project has been scaled back a little due to money limitations. Rob said the project may not make it up that far. The project is only going as far as View Street. Keith said that continues the problem of not taking care of the problem. The road is ready to cave in. The stone wall on his front lawn is sinking and has sunk at least one foot. Mr. Huntoon said that since the erection of the Summit, the water that comes down on the up hill side of 68 Union Street, which is Claude's piece of land, and has a culvert at the bottom. It allows a river to run down to wash out Route 3. The sidewalk is breaking away. You can't even walk on it. He doesn't know if we should put up a closed sign. He doesn't feel it is his place to go fill it in. He feels it should be fixed or closed. The state tells him it is a town problem. The state came in and said it is a town problem and the town says it is a state problem. Mr. Huntoon said that is what he has been running into. Keith said that the house that Houghton's own next to his property had a house that was torn down years ago. It has a four inch line that has steady water that runs all the time. Keith said the state came in and the four inch pipe cannot handle the water. The whole bank on the back side of Keith's garage has been washed out and caused his garage to cave in. Peter Corey said he thinks we need to set up a meeting with the state. Mr. Larson said that he will reach out to them and then he will let the Board know what is going on. Why can't that well be capped? Keith said they were going to put in a catch basin and add another piece of pipe, but they wanted to take some of the groundwater and it didn't work. They told him they would maintain it. DOT took full responsibility to begin with. We need to find out if they have a plan and a timeline. They never sealed the outlet in the catch basin and that is what has happened. The Board told Keith that we will get back to him once we have met with the State DOT.

Scott Colby of Northwoods Estates Homeowners Association said some of the residents noticed the roads are beginning to crack. Mr. Colby said he has spoken with Mr. Larson. The

Association would be willing to pay to have around the manhole covers sealed. He has spoken with Central Paving. Mr. Larson said that we need a seal box, and it would inexpensively repair the road. He has located one and it is a matter of budget. We will see where we end up by the end of the year. We could probably get this done next spring. Peter said we look to Mr. Larson to advise us of the priorities. Mr. Larson has developed a plan to deal with roads and then the voters decide how much to apportion to do that work. The Association will pay for the cost of the manhole sealing.

#### Department Head Meeting

##### Ed Samson – Police Department

- Will be starting to do the employee evaluations in anticipation of budget preparation.
- Officer Hodgdon is putting together a program/proposal to start up a K-9 unit, at no cost to the Town.
- Will look into the speed signs.
- PD is participating in the Beard for Bucks fundraiser to benefit the CAC.

##### Josh Welch – Treatment Plant

- Waiting for the vac truck to clean out Brown Street because they are having problems with the floats don't kick the pumps on. Josh went down and manually broke those up.
- He is going to put in the new pumps, one at Mountain View and one at Hilltop, and he is going to do the pumps at Grandma's. He has money in the budget to do it.
- Stanley said that Rob is working on a grease trap policy.

##### Fred Ingerson – Water Department

- Electrician started working at the Robinson well. He has the panel up. They will finish it up tomorrow. Hopefully that project will be wrapping up. Coleman is on Brown Street. They have two more service connections to do and then they will cut and cap the old water main. They are supposed to do cuts and caps tomorrow and P&R will finish up the drainage, sidewalks then restoration.
- Bray Hill had a small leak, and Kingsbury came and fixed it today. We got the insurance money for those two pump stations that were damaged by lightning this summer.
- Fred said the shut-down went very well last week. It was just barely leaking by. It was a homemade gasket that was leaking, and that is where most of the water was coming out. It was pretty dry when we were digging. The town has a 10-inch sewer main within 3 inches of the water line, which made it difficult to dig around it. Fred said it was a good thing we had P&R come do the digging with their larger machine. We needed the bigger machine for sure.
- Tom Ladd said he wanted to compliment Fred and the town about how well notifying the residents about how the water line was going to be repaired went.

##### Rob Larson – Public Works Director

--Snow Street is being done in concert with Water Street and drainage on Brown Street. They are going to do Snow Street drainage. There are three catch basins that don't go anywhere. They are going to do that tomorrow. Rob said we are doing that whole road with catch basins. This can be covered under the grant for Brown Street.

--Landfill closure requirements – when the landfill was closed – we were supposed to be doing semi-annual inspections of the landfill. There is a form to be filled out twice a year to prove that you are looking at that. Rob is going to initiate that process.

--Grease trap requirements – create an enforcement expectation of the grease trap ordinance. The ordinance doesn't say it has to be inspected and who has the authority to inspect. Rob has to go through the ordinance with a fine-tooth comb and notify everyone with the grease trap of the ordinances.

--Road salt – we have some road salt, ½ barn, but there is no money left to purchase salt until January. Rob said we are going to be lean on salt for the first couple of months in the winter. He has got all the salt bids and we are all set for sand. We can look elsewhere in the budget for some funds. They are low on salt because it was used extensively last winter.

--Library roof was scheduled for this week. He expects them to be there tomorrow or Wednesday.

--Roadside mowing has begun. They are going to start on Old East Road.

--Bids were opened last week on the sewer treatment plant, and they will be here on the 21<sup>st</sup> to meet with the Board to go over this and with a recommendation for an award of the contract.

A motion was made by Stanley Holz to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Corey. All in favor, 2-0. Motion passed.

Mr. Burns voiced his concern about how dangerous the intersection is by Jiffy Mart. Mr. Corey explained that the Town is working with North Country Council on that intersection issue and well as sidewalks. We had a preliminary meeting. The next meeting NCC has already reached out to DOT to attend so we are probably talking a two year process of planning, and design/engineering and grant writing. A letter would be helpful from citizens expressing concern.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.