

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the April 5th, 2022
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Jeff Jeremy Norton
Hans Rasmussen
Robert Crosby Travis Warren

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.

The summary of the March 15th, 2022, meeting minutes was approved as typed. Justin Furbush motioned to accept the meeting minutes from the March 15th, 2022, as typed. Richard Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Lawyer Discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Town Road Work List

a. Culverts

The board went over the Town inventory list of culverts. The AA gave the Road Commissioner Travis Warren the information. The AA was asking if the board needed more to do the cross culverts needed for East Pond Rd. The AA called Broad Cove for pricing for culverts but has not received the pricing.

b. Grading

Travis Warren informed the board that the Warren Brothers have purchased a grader and will be doing the grading work for the town.

c. Repair work

The board reviewed a letter received from Churchill Sand & Gravel about pricing for gravel and trucking for 2022. The quote does not speak to trucking by the hour. Travis spoke to the board about using regular gravel in places and also using a different type of gravel mixed with grindings to hold

better. The board agreed that the Road Commissioner will be the one deciding where the products are purchased from and what type is used.

Discussion on ditching needed around town.

Work has already been done on Sand Hill, Mt. Tom, and Wilder Hill Roads.

d. Brush/Hazard Overhangs

The AA has given Abormore Tree Services the Road Commissioners contact number to discuss what is needed for brush cutting and hazard overhangs

e. Other

The board and Road Commissioner discussed what needs are to be done prior to the East Pond Rd being paved.

A price for a 3,000' area to be grinded will be asked for.

2. Road Weight Posting Info From MDOT

This item was tabled.

3. Fire Department

a. Letter Request for Fire Plates

The Fire Department will be sending out letters to past members asking them to give back the fire plates they have that belong to Smithfield. The department would like the Selectmen to sign the letter as well. Justin Furbush motioned to have the board sign the letters for returning the towns Fire plates. Richard Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. Flammable Liquid Safety Cabinet Purchase

The department was required to purchase a flammable liquid safely cabinet per requirement from Workplace Safety to be in compliance. The department is asking if the cost can come out of the Town's Capital Reserve rather than the departments fiscal budget. The board agreed that the cost is a capital expense.

Also the department is having to purchase a barrel strainer for the new engine truck. That expense will come from the Expense reserve, like all the other expenses did last fiscal year for the new engine truck.

c. Grass Fire Training

The department is discussing doing grass fire training due to a property landowner that has asked about the department burning his fields. The board is hesitant about the idea due to other property owners concerns. The department will keep the board up to date on ideas from the department.

d. Road Work/Close/Hazard Signs

The board went over what signs the FD has for closing roads and posting hazards in the roads.

e. Restitution from Norridgewock Grass Fire

The department informed the board that they are joining in the process with Norridgewock FD for restoration of expenses for a grass fire the Smithfield department was called to help with twice at the same address in Norridgewock.

4. Cemetery Conveyance Gould Lot H10 Raye Horton & Christine Allen

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Cemetery Conveyance for Gould Cemetery Lot H10. Richard Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The board discussed the repair needed for the Gould Cemetery Fence again.

The AA will contact MDOT to see about a possible guardrail being installed.

5. Quit-Claim Deed Map 8 Lot 32, Gail Clair

The property was foreclosed on by the town due to three years of taxes owned.

The taxes have been paid in full. Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Quit-Claim deed for map 8 Lot 32 owned by Gail Clair. Richard Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Certificate of Appointment-Register of Voters Meredyth Tuttle

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Certificate of Appointment for Meredyth Tuttle as Register of Voters. Richard Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. E911 Signs

The board discussed the three E911 signs that are taken every year and are having replace. The board is having the AA look into game cameras.

8. Churchill Sand & Gravel Prices for 2022

This item was discussed in New Business #1 (c) and a copy is on file.

9. ACO Robert Crosby

Robert Crosby, current ACO for the town, gave the board his resignation for the ACO appointment due to medical reasonings. The deputy ACO will also be stepping down from the position.

10. Ballfield Parking Lot Project

The board spoke with Hans Rasmussen about the Moonshiners Snowmobile Club asking Churchill Sand & Gravel about honoring the price given to do the extension of the existing parking lot at the ballfield.

11. MDOT Road Salt Joint Program

The AA asked the board if they wanted to put in a tonnage amount for road salt to the MDOT joint purchasing program. The town would be under no obligation to purchase until the price per ton is known. The board agreed to put in a tonnage amount of 700 tons

12. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #5-22

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #5-22. Richard Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.