

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the January 17th, 2023
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore
Molly Chapman
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Tim & Joni Gould Louie Batista Seth Duncklee
Jeremy Norton Tim Covert Gail Day
Hans Rasmussen Travis Warren

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

The summary of the January 3rd, 2023, meeting minutes were approved as typed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Road Issues

a. 160 North Shore Drive Driveway Damage-Update

The AA spoke with the property owner at 160 North Shore Drive. The board had determined that the damage to the driveway was within the town's road right of way. The property owner asked if the town could take a look at the debris that is within the road right of way and remove it.

b. Concerns with Plowing/Sanding

The AA received complaints on several gravel roads in town. The complaints were concerns about the roads not being plowed and sanded with every storm.

2. Culvert Storage

The board discussed where the town culverts would be stored. The Road Commissioner, Travis Warren suggested that the town make an area behind the Municipal Complex with a fence. The AA will get pricing for fencing. Pricing estimates for installation and some type of vegetation cover will be needed for the budget process.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Salt-Pavement Plus Inc., Plow Contractor

The AA received an email from Pavement Plus Inc. for a load of salt to be delivered to use for the remaining winter plow and sand season. The AA did a phone vote on January 13th, 2023 and all three Selectmen voted yes to the purchase.

2. Budget Items

a. Cemeteries

Justin, the Cemetery Sexton went over Cemetery budget numbers for the proposed 2023-24 budget worksheet.

b. Winter Roads

The board went over the updated Winter Roads budget worksheet.

c. Recreation

The board discussed work that needed to be done to the outfield at the ball-field. The added cost will be asked to be taken from the ARPA funds.

d. Hazard Tree

The board discussed how much would be needed to put in the budget for hazard trees that the fire department would be called out to remove. A separate line in RBC has been added to the budget for \$2,700.

e. Brush/Overhang Cutting Subcategory in RBC

The board discussed having a separate line in RBC for bush/overhang cutting that is done every year. A separate line will be put in the budget with \$10,000.

3. Fire Department-Info on Rescue Vehicle (what acct.)

The fire department had some information pertaining to the rescue vehicle being looked at to replace the current rescue vehicle. The department is considering having a vehicle that will serve the department with towing the UTV trailer and forest fire equipment trailer as well as the rescue equipment. The amount discussed by the department is approximately 100,000.00. The board has asked for more information.

4. AA Request for Tuesday Closed Office

The board has been discussing the AA's request for work time during the week while the office building is closed to the public. The boards final decision is to ask the residents at the town meeting. If the request is turned down, budget numbers will need to be increased.

5. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Acceptance

The grant submitted by the Fire Department to Firehouse Sub Public Safety Foundation was awarded for the amount of \$10,900 for an industrial washer and dryer to clean fire gear.

6. Animal Shelter Agreement for 2023

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Somerset County Animal Shelter agreement for 2023. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Ballfield Parking Lot Plow & Sand Contract

Molly Chapman motioned to sign the plowing and sanding contract for the ball-field parking lot with Furbush Lawn Care. Richard Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed. Justin Furbush abstained from voting and discussion.

8. Gail Day-Request to Speak with Board-North Shore Dr.

Gail Day requested to speak with the board about concerns she has with her property on North Shore Drive. No decisions or votes were made. The CEO, Hans Rasmussen set up an appointment with Mrs. Day to discuss some of her concerns.

9. Request to Purchase Sand/Salt from Town of Rome

Justin Furbush received a call from the Town of Rome asking if the Town of Smithfield would sell them sand and salt. The board does not sell anyone the town's salt and sand, the response is no.

10. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #24-22

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #24-22. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.