

Town of Bakersfield
Select Board Meeting
July 24,2017

Present

Lance Lawyer	Brian Wescom
David Ovitt	Officer LaMotte
Sam & Gloria Geddes	Pat Debevec
Susan Trapeze	William Newett

Warrants

Select Board Order	18-2017	\$15832.00
Road Commission Order	7&8-2017	\$14083.18

Minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted

Officer LaMotte from the VT State Police was present to discuss issues on the Hennessey Road and just follow up.

Also discussed was the issue with 4 wheelers on roads and the problems enforcing them. At this time options for enforcing them are limited by law enforcement.

Warrants were reviewed and signed

Library

Susan wanted to compare what the Town has in place for employees and policy including health insurance and sick pay. She felt a need to be consistent with the Library policies and the Towns policies.

She also requested clarification on Reserve Funds vs Improvement funds and legal representation if the need arises. Lance suggested speaking with Mike Garone. The status was questioned and it was clarified that the library is a Municipal Library.

The library is hoping to expand at some point and inquired what would happen to the building. She was informed the building will revert back to the Heirs.

Susan will be retiring and plans are to hopefully have Pat Debevec take over for her.

Sam and Gloria Geddes were present to discuss the future of the mobile home previously rented by the Scribner's with a life time lease, this is town property. They would like to be able to continue to rent it now that the Scribner's have moved and wanted to clear up any past misunderstanding.

Lance suggested and it was approved by the board they have a lifetime lease on the trailer and can rent it to Mr. Bushey who currently resides there contingent on good standing and no issues. The Geddes will be responsible for all maintenance with the well and septic as well as upkeep and taxes. New tenants must be approved by the town. If the trailer is moved another one cannot be put there

Corporate Authorization resolution paperwork to have Audrey Haselton added as a signer was presented and signed by the board

Mowing Contract was presented, reviewed and signed.

Rosalee Williams came in and asked to discuss What she felt was the town taking more of her land when doing road maintenance. She also discussed the possibility of the town removing a large rock to divert water from her fields.

It was explained that the town was only utilizing their 50-ft. road right of way and not taking any of her property.

Brian explained the definition of a road right of way and exact footage in detail.

She also discussed the ditching that was being done and it was explained that it was being done to conform to State standards and that the State of Vt. is implementing stricter standards on ditching roads to eliminate storm water run off and that next year the standard's will be even more stringent and there will be more retention ponds.

It was also discussed that the Town is doing everything they can and there is no way of diverting the water because of way the land slopes in certain areas and not an option in other areas because it would create issues somewhere else also blasting the rock out was not an option. It was further explained that due to such a wet year many farmers are having issues with water in their fields

David Ovitt brought up the issue with burning plastic hay bale bags and the complaints that have been brought up she assured that Jr had stopped and would not be doing it anymore

Lance motioned the meeting be adjourned and David second it