

Select Board Minutes October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Donald Burke. Present were Select Board members Scott Wiley, Marlene Libby and Donald Burke. Also present were Webmaster Peter Becket, Road Commissioner Curtis Starrett, Jen Pendleton, Lorie Costigan and Michael Mayo from *Window Dressers*.

Minutes of September October 6, 2015 were approved as corrected to include the discussion of a school bus accident on Fishtown Road on October 5th.

A motion to adopt ***GA Ordinance appendices A-F*** was made by Burke and seconded by Wiley. Voted 3-0 to adopt.

Road Commissioner:

The Board discussed road issues relating to the September 30th washout. Burke reported that Josh Pease is still asking that the Town pay for damages on his vehicle that had broken through a washout on Appleton Ridge near Mary Clark's and did \$644 in damage. The Select Board voted to deny the claim based on the fact that according to Maine's *Pot Hole law* the Town is not liable as there must be a 24-hour notice of a defect. Road Commissioner Starrett stated that the culvert in question was fine and did not need to be replaced, and that the issue was that the water had washed out the road between the culvert & pavement. Burke also pointed out that in the past we have always declined claims for vehicle damage, as recently as last year, and that this would be setting a precedent.

Burke's stated that the Town was responsible for fixing the shoulder to the Sennebec Road at Kate Coffey's and Road Commissioner Starrett stated he would get to it the next morning. The Select Board members all agreed that the water that took out Kate's driveway and debris that blocked her two culverts did *not* come from the Town Park. The consensus was that the Town is not responsible for fixing her driveway. Select Board member Wiley was commended for the considerable time and effort he has put into finding local resources *at no cost* to get Ms. Coffey's driveway repaired. He is still trying to find a backhoe/excavator to

dig out the entrance to her culverts. We should hear on Friday the State's decision on whether or not they will fix the driveway.

Discussion ensued as to whether the ledge caused the school bus accident on Fishtown Road and whether or not it should be removed. The Select Board all agreed that the ledge in question is *not* in the road, is *not* a defect, and did *not* cause the accident.

It was brought to the Road Commissioner's attention that there are several dead trees alongside Gushee Road that need to be looked at.

Michael Mayo from Thomaston addressed the Board explaining the services of ***Window Dressers***, an organization located in the Lincoln Center in Rockland, that makes storm window inserts at cost, or at reduced prices for low income folks. It was suggested that a presentation be offered at a later date in the library for interested homeowners.

A bill of sale to Darrell Grierson for the 1985 Ford E-350 Rescue Vehicle was signed.

A letter from the Town Attorney listing multiple possible dates in November or December for the trial of Town of Appleton vs. ARC had been received over the weekend. The Town's attorney is expected to act in the best interest of the Town. A new building permit for a mobile home at 99 Searsmont Road is anticipated, according to the CEO but 'not finished.'

Town tax maps were updated by Assessors' Agent Rob Duplisea. Several discrepancies were detected by Becky and were corrected by Rob.

Warrants # 30, 31 & 32 were signed.

Several recent emails were read.

The EMA Director's hourly salary was set at \$20.00

A brief discussion was held on mileage reimbursement (\$.44/mile) and who gets it and when.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Minutes prepared by D. Burke