

May 14, 2019

1. Convene, 7 p.m. (Gushee, Wyman, Fenner, Beckett, Costigan)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Wyman: Motion to approve minutes of 5/7/2019. Beckett: Second. Unanimous.
4. Public Comment.
5. All-State Paving, Sennebec Road: Fenner: Does the 1-inch spot-shim process meet the LRAP requirement? Jerry Douglass: Yes. Gushee: Cost comparison to conventional chip seal with an emulsion versus asphalt-rubber chip seal (Middle Road, Warren). Jerry Douglass: Pricing will depend on thickness of conventional chip seal. \$25,000 to \$30,000 more due to condition of road for latex application. Latex described as a higher performance chip seal capable of handling 12,000 cars a day due in part to thermal cure without water. Gushee: Is there a difference in product longevity? Jerry Douglass (All State): Rubber asphalt 12,000 cars/day versus conventional chip seal at 2,000 cars/day. 12-year increments for the base, but 7 years on the surface chip seal shim. Asphalt Rubber offers 12 to 15 years. Chip Seal may require additional shimming in 7 years. Rate of traffic plays a part in the surface decision. Cold Mix has to be done by July 15. Asphalt-rubber can be applied until frost.
6. Road Commissioner: Issued a Driveway Entrance Permit for R. Burns, Guinea Ridge Road; does not require a culvert. Tar patching of potholes completed. Lower Road culvert will be replaced this week. DOT update: Route 131 culvert patched but needs a review by a DOT engineer before being fixed more permanently. Harriet Brook: Beaver mesh needs to be cleared of debris. Beckett: RSMS, state software, is being updated.
7. Tax Abatement: Curt Lebel recommends denial of the abatement request for property on Map/Lot 006-001/158 acres, 148 in open space. Lebel: Burden of proof not met and no inconsistencies with valuation. Beckett: Motion to approve Lebel recommendation of denial of abatement request. Gushee: Second. Unanimous.
8. Credit Card Agreement with AVS: Wyman: Motion to approve edited version of the agreement in consultation with Dianne Helprin. Beckett:

Second. (2-3/Costigan, Fenner, Gushee). Gushee: Motion to approve agreement approved by school attorney and forwarded by Dianne Helprin Wednesday, May 8. Fenner: Second. 3-2/(Wyman,Beckett) 9. Beckett: Motion for treasurer to close the school activities account May 24 (Beckett received verification from school supt.) and all new disbursements will be through the treasurer and warrant process going forward. Gushee: Second. Beckett: Stillwell indicated she would be pleased. Wyman: My objection is this was known about in November. Don't think this was handled very politely. I don't understand the rush. Beckett: Stillwell admits they are not using the account in the right way and it is wrong. MMA has even come back and said we need to get it fixed. It's this agreement and the closing the account is a compromise. Costigan: The auditor told the school in November to close the account. Why the school board hasn't acted is unknown; what is known is the town treasurer, the school bookkeeper and principal, and the superintendent were told again in April by the auditor to close the account and that is the action we are taking, via the treasurer and in coordination with the school, to accomplish. Our responsibility is to the town and treasurer's ability to account for all municipal expenditures. Fenner: We could have pushed harder, sooner. But I also see the superintendent and school committee were made aware of this account in November and again in April.

4-1/Wyman.

10. May 21 CSD Meeting: Costigan : Motion to change May 21 select board meeting to 5:30 p.m. and place notice town office closed 5/21/ Gushee: Second. Unanimous.

11. Pert Lot: Gushee indicated no wet areas visible on Google Earth.

12. Wyman: Wishes to discuss Pam's email to the school board regarding Milan Babik's position on the school board. Fenner: Election Clerk noted lack of residency. Wyman: Concerned about the clerk's email to the select board and inquired how to address requests made to the board outside of weekly meetings. Wyman indicated she doesn't feel comfortable on the board. "I don't think the select board is a good place for me."

Costigan: The emotion of the letter to the superintendent is quickly abated when you recognize Pam is the election clerk and answers to the secretary of state for ensuring ballots are accurate. Members of school and town boards have to be residents because they handle municipal funds. Perhaps she could have added she is the election clerk, but the

reality is the school board did not put forth an accurate slate for June and now the town election clerk is fixing the oversight, However well intentioned the school may have been to retain a member, given Babik's volunteer involvement with the school, it is unethical and perhaps unlawful representation.

Beckett: Perhaps we could assign ambassadors to assist board chair.

Costigan: I assisted John throughout the fall with accounting oversights and finding a new auditor capable of untangling over payments, lack of payments, etc. I think, unfortunately, the select board has been called on to do more municipal oversight of school spending due to managerial shortcomings. Hopefully all are up to speed now and the procedures put in place will limit things like unpaid insurance premiums accruing for months. It's the best we can do to protect the municipal funds on behalf of the school and the town.

Gushee: Motion to adjourn. Wyman: Second. Unanimous.