

Town of Antrim Select Board Meeting Minutes August 8, 2022 6:00 PM

Board Members Present: John Robertson, Chairman; Michael Ott, Selectman, Donna Hanson, Selectman

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Russell McAllister.

Others Present: See Attached

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ott made the motion to approve the July 25th meeting minutes. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Ms. Hanson abstained as she was not yet seated as a Board member.

Susan Ellsworth – Speeding Concerns & Petition

Ms. Ellsworth briefed the Board over her concern with speeding cars on Summer and Jameson streets and the heightened possibility of injury to children riding bicycles, scooters, and skateboards. She noted that she and her husband had close calls while out walking. She recommended raised crosswalks and solar powered flashing lights like the Town of Peterborough has installed. Raised sidewalks will act to slow traffic. Ms. Ellsworth provided a petition by neighborhood residents and related crosswalk materials. Police Chief Brian Lord explained that the department has in the past increased patrols and put out radar speed signs as a means of slowing traffic. The Board agreed to look at the feasibility of installing a raised crosswalk and solar powered crosswalk lights as well as getting feedback from Road Agent Plourde about the approach profile for the crosswalk.

Al Gould – Veterans Memorial

Mr. Gould explained that the Civil War monument currently stored in a hangar at the Deering Airport needed to be moved due to a change in the Airport's ownership. Mr. Gould noted that a few repairs to the monument were needed. He suggested Veterans Park as a suitable location for the monument's installation. The will be a cost associated with pouring a suitable foundation to support the weight of the monument. Some discussion ensued with the TA agreeing to touch base with Road Agent Plourde about helping out.

Fire Department – Surplus Equipment disposition

Fire Chief Gale briefed the Board on the status of surplus fire equipment explaining the 2002 1-Ton was replaced by the forestry truck (Army surplus), and the aging 1989 GMC Engine located at the North Station are ready for retirement. Mr. Gale recommended using Municibid to list the surplus vehicles for sale because other municipalities have had good luck with them. Mr. Ott made the motion to approve selling the surplus vehicles on Municibid. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Knox Box ordinance

Mr. Gale next addressed the Key Security System Ordinance (aka Knox Box). The ordinance is structured so that commercial and multi-residential buildings provide a Knox Box affixed near the entryway wherein a building key is stored that Fire Departments can access via a secured master key located in fire vehicles. Use of a single key expedites entry into a building during emergencies. Private residences would be exempt, but

have the opportunity to voluntarily participate. Mr. Gale noted that several businesses and a place of worship already participate in the program including the Police Department building. Brief discussion ensued with the TA agreeing to pass the issue by legal as to the proper means of adoption.

Meetings Attended

Ms. Hanson attended a planning board meeting where agenda items were tabled until next meeting. Discussion turned to representation on the CIP committee and Mr. Robertson volunteered to provide that representation.

Town Administrator Update

Quantum Engineering – High Street Bridge Contract Amendment

The TA reviewed amendment #3 of the High Street Bridge Project for the continuing historical survey/coordination meetings cost for \$22,918. It is hoped that historic and cultural review will be completed with the next meeting.

2nd Tranche of ARPA Funding

The TA reported that Antrim received its second tranche, \$140,807.58 (total = \$281,615). Discussion ensued around providing public input about potential spending priorities. The Board agreed to hold a public hearing to solicit public input.

AWE – Shadow Flicker Semi Annual Report

The TA provided the most recent Shadow Flicker Report associated with the Antrim Wind Energy turbines.

HWY Building Addition

The Board reviewed the highway building addition specifications and costs including costs for HVAC (two mini splits in the addition of \$13,491. Given the recent resignation of Tom Davis, Mr. Robertson volunteered to oversee the building project. The contractor and builders are all local.

Bridge Aid / HWY Block Grant Addition

The TA reviewed the projected distribution of the bridge aid for Antrim. In all there is \$36M statewide and Antrim's distribution amount is \$169,771. The State also has an additional \$30M in highway block funding to distribute and Antrim's distribution is \$80,541.

LOMA – Antrim Commons

The TA explained that the Antrim Commons project needed the person responsible for floodplain management to sign the LOMA that acknowledges that no fill has been or will be placed within the designated regulatory floodway as required by FEMA. The Board authorized the TA to sign off on the acknowledgement.

Other Business

Mr. Ott began a discussion about the disposition of Pierce Lake Road given that part of it lies submerged beneath the lake. Ownership and it's use were discussed with the membership agreeing that it was at this time a fairly complicated and intractable issue.

Adjourn

There being no further business Mr. Ott made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Russell McAllister

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