

Starksboro Selectboard
Minutes of 12/17/19
Unapproved

Board members present: Koran Cousino, Keegan Tierney, Greg Hahr, Nancy Boss

Unable to attend: Eric Cota

Others present: Tony Porter, Rebecca Elder

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Koran Cousino.

Additions/changes to the agenda:

1. Library maintenance quote
2. Jerusalem Community Center proposal

Road Foreman's Report – Tony Porter

T. Porter recommends the town consider implementing a parking ban townwide on roads during the winter plowing and maintenance season. The road crew has noticed several repeat offenders on a few town roads including Robert Young and Ireland. Parking in the right of way causes problems for the road crew and can create hazardous conditions for other drivers. T. Porter presented a draft for the board to review and consider at a future meeting.

T. Porter discussed two invoices (Unifirst and Nortrack) with the board.

Hillsboro Road area: The water has breached the bank again and water came up to Hillsboro Rd. Conditions are bad at the Roscoes and other neighboring properties. Water continues to run through the Adams' and Knights' yards. A group of residents met with and toured the area and damage with Andrew L'Roe from Addison County Regional Planning and Louis DuPont from the Lewis Creek Association. T. Porter will continue talking with Andrew/ACRPC and will contact to Ashley from AOT about the potential for serious damages and costly repairs.

Brown Hill – Request from Brad Johnson for further research into the repeated flooding at the base of Brown Hill near his home. The board reviewed notes from the conversations in the past and discussed the recent storm event. The town has not done anything to alter the path of the road. T. Porter reviewed the options from his perspective regarding a box culvert or other fixes. The town continues to recommend the Johnsons install a berm as discussed previously.

- T. Porter will contact the State regarding a hydrological study for 4 high priority areas in Starksboro.

Road crew has plowed 44 times this season so far. 90 loads of sand used.

Budget planning continued

- Library – The library board and staff are looking to do some repairs and are seeking information on how funds are allocated. The selectboard discussed that the town budget will cover structural maintenance of the building. The library board should ask the voters for funds for any additional projects within the building (e.g. painting, furniture, shelves, etc.) A quote was provided for replacing the flooring in the kitchen and that will be included in the budget.
- The board reviewed the draft budget again, line by line, and made changes based on new information. IT line item was increased for NEMRC software, two new computers, and IT services contract. The highway budget is still a work in progress.

Animal Control Update

K. Cousino updated the board on her conversations with both the AC Sheriff and Attorney Jim Carroll regarding the dog situation on Shamrock Lane. The Sheriff will follow up accordingly with the signed warrant from the Selectboard.

The necessary warrant was reissued with signatures from all board members. Warrant will be provided to the Town Clerk and the Sheriff.

Jerusalem Community Center proposal

Details of the proposal will be discussed at the next meeting. The selectboard will make a decision and recommendation to the committee in order to include the request on the ballot and in the town report.

Review of Minutes of 12/3/19

Motion: Greg Hahr made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/3/19 as presented. Nancy Boss 2nd

Motion carried. (K. Tierney abstained)

Review of Minutes of 12/10/19

Motion: K. Tierney made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/10/19 as presented. Nancy Boss 2nd

Motion carried.

Bills/Warrants

Motion: Greg Hahr made a motion to approve the warrants to pay the orders as presented with one change noted to the Treasurer. Nancy Boss 2nd

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.: Keegan Tierney, Greg Hahr 2nd

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder, SB Assistant