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KIRBY SELECTBOARD'S MEETING

MAY 1, 2017

The Selectboard met at the Kirby Town Clerk's Office on May 1, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rebecca Hill-Larsen at 7:03 p.m.

Those present were: Selectpersons Rebecca Hill-Larsen, Steven Baker and David Chase
Road Foreman John Ohina
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD)
Executive Director Paul Tomasi
Assistant Town Clerk Marla Waring
Secretary/Clerk Wanda Grant

Additions to the agenda:

- Annual Dog Warrant to be signed – will do later
- Orders to be signed – will do after budget

Paul Tomasi was present to inform the Board that he has contacted the State about a variance (waiver) for the Town so they will not have to collect food scraps at the Town's transfer station but residents can take their food scraps (if they do not compost them) to Concord's transfer station or to NEKWMD's Lyndonville site. It was noted at Town Meeting that most residents would rather compost their food scraps. The State has not notified him yet whether they will approve the variance but there was some indication that they might not because the State has approved a waiver for hauling for the NEKWMD and no other Town has applied for a variance. The Town might have to start collecting food scraps in July if the variance is not approved. Mr. Tomasi stated that he will push as hard as he can for a variance but he needs the Board's approval to do so. Rebecca Hill-Larsen made the motion that the Selectboard ask the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to apply for a variance for collection of food residual separate from other solid waste. Motion seconded by Steven Baker. So voted.

Roadside bids were opened. They were as follows:

- Kirby Mountain Lawns - \$2,700.00
- Walt Neborsky - \$3,500.00

Rebecca Hill-Larsen made the motion to accept the bid of Kirby Mountain Lawns for \$2,700.00 for the 2017 roadside mowing. Motion seconded by Steven Baker. So voted.

There was only one quote received for mowing the cemeteries and Town Hall lawn. The quote was from Justin Amidon. Mr. Amidon would charge \$65.00 per week for Town Hall lawn; \$87.50 per week for North Kirby Cemetery; \$87.50 per week for South Kirby Cemetery; and \$35.00 per hour for spring/fall cleanup. The Board had several questions concerning Mr. Amidon's quote - whether the mowing would be done once a week, twice a week, or more and how many hours would be needed for spring/fall cleanup. The Board also noted that the cemeteries are not usually mowed every week but only when needed. The Board decided to have Town Clerk Wanda Grant contact Brad Libby first to see if he would be willing to do the Town Hall lawn and North Kirby Cemetery; to forego the spring cleanup; and to have Wanda check with Mr. Amidon to get clarification on questions concerning his quote. After all the information is received

Wanda will contact the Board members to see who they want to mow the lawns and cemeteries since the Board will not be meeting again until June and the cemeteries will need to be mowed before then.

Steven Baker made the motion to accept the minutes of Selectboard's Meeting for April 3, 2017 as written. Seconded by David Chase. So voted.

Road Report –

- Road Foreman John Ohina stated that he is still trying to get the roads back in shape as some roads are still soft on the edges.
- John informed the Board that he will be doing construction on the Kirby Mountain Road by Taylors when the road dries out.
- Steven Baker will check on the delivery date of the new town truck and he will also check with Elby Willey to see if he might be willing to let the Town store the old town truck in his shed.
- There was much discussion about the Rasputitsa bike race that was held on April 22th. The Town was not notified of the race ahead of time and residents were inconvenienced by having to wait for the racers to go through sections of Town; support vehicles caused ruts on the Victory Road; and the Board had concerns about liability issues. It was decided that Rebecca Hill-Larsen will contact the organizers of the race and ask them to attend the March 2018 Selectboard meeting if they are planning of holding the race again next year.
- Rebecca Hill-Larsen informed the rest of the Board that she had met with Joe Ostrout concerning his pine tree that was knocked down by the Town's grader during a recent snow storm. It was decided that Mr. Ostrout will remove the root ball of the old tree and leave the hole open for the Town to plant another tree there which the Town will furnish.
- David Chase informed the rest of the Board that Ryan's Welding has started work on the Town's sand screen.

It was noted that the status hearing on the Lynhill lawsuit will be held tomorrow. Rebecca Hill-Larsen informed the rest of the Board that she had contact the Town's attorney handling this case and it was decided that all communications from him should be sent to the Town Clerk's office and the Town Clerk will forward information to the Board.

The Board reviewed the April budget and signed Highway and Town orders or bills.

Road Commissioner David Chase signed overload permits for United Natural Foods, Inc.; Kelley-View Farm, Inc.; and J.P. Sicard, Inc. with the condition to stay off the roads when soft anytime of the year.

The Board signed the annual dog warrant for Constable Edward DeMaio.

The Board was unable to find someone willing to serve as Lyndon Rescue representative. They asked Town Clerk Wanda Grant to contact Lyndon Rescue to see if they might know of a Kirby resident that might be interested in the position.

The Board signed the necessary loan papers for Union Bank for the loan on the new town truck.

The Board was reminded of the annual VMHA Equipment Show & Field Day to be held on May 10th in Barre.

The Board worked on updating the Town's Emergency Operations Plan for 2017. Town Clerk Wanda Grant was asked to contact several residents that might be interested in being added to the plan's high risk population list. After the interested residents names are added to the plan Rebecca Hill-Larsen will sign the plan.

The next regular Selectboard Meeting will be June 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Steven Baker made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by David Chase. So voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda L. Grant, Secretary