

Due to technological problem with the recording & an abrupt staffing change, no detailed minutes are available. This is a summary of the meeting. If you require more detailed information, or have any questions please contact the Town Manager at 468-5319.

Summary of the Select Board Meeting on May 11, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Mr Leamy called Meeting to Order at 7:00pm. This was a Zoom meeting, and all select board members were in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the agenda was approved by the Select Board, as were the minutes from April 27, 2020.

Citizen's Comments & Concerns: there were no citizens in attendance to comment.

Birdseye Mountain entrance, unauthorized trash dumping: Town Manager Michael Jones drove by the site and observed garbage bags next to the chain link fence on the property. A discussion ensued about it being a bus turnaround and that the landowner has mentioned that if people don't stop dumping garbage that he will consider moving the fence up to the State's highway right-of-way, which would negatively impact buses being able to turn around there, which is just before the Castleton/Ira town line. Mr. Jones stated he did support the transfer station driving out to pick up the trash left by those littering as it was encouraging poor behavior, which was support by the majority of the present board members.

All coin drop requests were approved.

Castleton Community Seniors: September 12, 2020. September 26th as rain date.

Castleton Village School: August 1, 2020. September 19, 2020 rain date

Fire Department: October 10, 2020

Notice of Hearing: petition of Sand Hill Solar LLC was discussed, as was the proposed Enhanced Energy Plan Adoption as presented by Janet Currie, Planning Commission Chair.

Crack Sealing. Bid Award 2020-2021 was awarded Nicom: \$4150.00 per 8-hour day

Parking lot striping, crosswalks, railroad crossings, stop bars, etc. Bid Award 2020-2021. Bid awarded to HiWay Safety Systems in the amount of \$1,085.00

Roadway Line Striping. Bid Award 2020-2021 awarded to: L&D Safety Marking, 99,000 linear feet: 12 cents per foot. Estimated total: \$11,880.00

Police Department hire. Nathan Webster, formerly of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department was hired and will be starting with the Castleton Police Department.

Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) for signature. Signed and to be submitted to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

Grand List extension due to pandemic discussed and presented for signature should additional time be required. The Town Manager recommended the board approve it.

Manager's Update on projects:

Belgo Road FEMA Project – One correction had to be made to the debris clearing on Belgo Road. Mr. Jones signed the change this past week and it went back to FEMA for the scoping and costing phase. We should hear something back from FEMA before the close of the fiscal year.

2020-2021 Paving Grant –VTRANS that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic concerns, awards for the Class II paving grants will not be awarded by VTRANS anytime soon, if at all this fiscal year.

Transfer Station and Food Composting – No movement on collaboration with Castleton University on this topic. We did mention this during a Bridge Initiative meeting, and it sounds like we will pick it up again when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

The town must select a new Municipal Project Manager (MPM) for Phase I of the sidewalk project. It is a requirement under the grant, like VHB was for Phase II of the sidewalk project last year. Town will be working with Peter Pochop (VTRANS) to get his done.

Work to remove and stabilize ledge at Cliff Dwellers Drive on Route 30 near the Lake House Pub & Grille is set to commence. The sign package was staged this week. There will be some traffic delays in that area over the next few weeks.

Purchase orders & warrants approved

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted to the best of my ability on: June 15, 2020.

Karen Stewart