

TOWN OF SANBORNTON
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sanbornton Town Office
573 Sanborn Road
Sanbornton, NH
8.17.2022 – 5pm

The Board of Selectmen convened in regular session. In attendance were: Selectman Jim Dick, Selectman Bob Lambert, and Selectman Brandon Deacon.

1. Public Comment – None

2. New Business

a. Merit update – Selectman Dick explained that department heads are to complete their annual evaluations as they normally do and then those will be entered into a spreadsheet to determine the merit distribution this year. This will be a merit bonus instead of a pay increase and percentage-wise would be the same as an increase, but it will be a one-time payment. Several updates to the personnel policy will have to happen to address adjustments.

b. Lower Bay Rd parking – Selectman Dick stated that there has been concern about roadside parking on Lower Bay Rd, specifically for dock rental space. Chief Hankard explained that he drove by Sunday and twice this week and all cars were off the pavement and not causing any safety hazards. Selectman Lambert stated that some residents were concerned about children running in the road. Selectman Dick asked Johnny Van Tassel if there will be damage to the shoulder of the road from parking; Johnny responded that this could be an issue over time but as long as the cars aren't creating a safety hazard he does not have concerns other than children. He stated that he can look into adding signage to warn motorists of pedestrians crossing.

c. Highway Dept RFP – Johnny explained that he has drafted an RFP for a new loader and he is looking for something comparable to what the department currently has. Selectman Dick suggested extending the due date for proposals to September 6th instead of August 29th and members agreed. Selectman Deacon suggested publishing the RFP in the newspaper since there is still time to do this and members agreed.

d. Public hearing regarding paving of Dr. True Rd – Selectman Dick opened the public hearing at 5:15pm. He stated that the meeting notice included Maple Circle but that was a mistake and only Dr. True Rd will be discussed tonight.

Selectman Dick explained that the tax impact for Dr. True residents, environmental impact to Lake Winnisquam, emergency vehicle access during mud season and speed on a paved road are all factors to consider. Johnny stated that the road would be paved to the first intersection of Maple Circle plus aprons for turning around since that is a significant area for mud. He stated that Dr. True Rd is a good candidate for being paved because of its width and construction but noted that he would be concerned about speeding cars if it were to be paved. The road would be plowed sooner than others in the winter if it were paved because paved roads are treated with salt first before sanding gravel roads. GMI has provided a quote for \$127,000 for paving only.

Dave McLaughlin of 69 Maple Circle stated that drainage needs to be done properly before the road is paved. He does not believe speeding will be an issue because people need to make a sharp turn to go to the public beach anyway. Jeremy Davis of 4 Dr. True Rd stated that the road condition has gotten worse every year. Ray Masse of 75 Maple Circle read a letter from John and Cyrilla Lombardi of 130 Dr. True Rd who stated that the unpaved road has become an issue as they get older. Ray explained that he is concerned about sediment runoff in the lake from the gravel road, and stated that there are 51 homes on the .7-mile long Dr. True Rd which is more than many other gravel roads in town.

Andrew Sanborn of Knox Mtn Rd stated that Sanbornton does not have a standard for the condition of gravel roads before they can be paved and asked if it's fair to other residents on gravel roads in town to pave this road before others such as Perkins Rd. Selectman Dick responded that the construction of Perkins Rd will not allow it to be paved which is why fabric and the box out process was used on that road. Selectman Deacon stated that Dr. True Rd leads to a public facility, the beach, which taxpayers pay for and should be as accessible as other town facilities. Jay Bartlett of 42 Dr. True Rd stated that cars are getting expensive to fix and there is damage caused to residents' vehicles from mud season. Ron and Kathy Hilbrunner of 15 Maple Circle noted that they were housebound due to mud season for a few days this past year. Ron stated that he had received a quote from Pike Industries several years ago for paving of Dr. True but it included drainage work.

Selectman Dick stated that the Winnisquam Watershed Network estimates that 20,000 pounds of sediment per year run into the lake from Dr. True Rd and Maple Circle. Gregg Potare stated that he would want the road to have proper drainage before being paved even if it is more expensive so that it lasts longer and other residents agreed. Myles McDonough of 71 Maple Circle stated that the ditches are not being cleaned out currently; Johnny responded that the 6-member Highway crew tries to clean them out but sometimes doesn't get to it.

Karen Bordeau asked about the procedure for this meeting and how it came about. Selectman Dick stated that the Hilbrunners brought a petitioned warrant article to Town Meeting in 2020 but it did not have a dollar amount included, and the Selectmen committed to them that they would explore the possibility of paving. He stated that the road engineering study in 2017 listed Dr. True Rd as a candidate for paving.

Morris Toomey asked if the truck turnaround could remain unpaved because he is concerned about pedestrians on Maple Circle. Johnny stated that he suggests paving it because it sees a lot of traffic and water tends to pool there. He noted that adding drainage to prevent silt runoff to the lake will be much more expensive than the \$127,000 GMI quote. Selectman Dick stated that protecting the lake is important but paving may mitigate that, and though there may not be a perfect solution for the runoff right now, that could be done in stages later on. He stated that the immediate issue is safety of residents. Jeremy Davis asked if there is funding available to help with the sediment issue. Jim Sullivan stated that the road has gotten higher each year and driveways are now about 8 inches below the road level. Johnny stated that this is from adding stone every mud season.

Selectman Dick closed the public hearing at 6:35pm. He stated that it seems many people are in favor of paving Dr. True Rd but want it done correctly so that there is a long-term solution. He doesn't want to

cut corners but he would also like to see this completed before next mud season. Selectman Deacon added that he would like to see options, perhaps from other vendors, showing what value the town can get for what price.

Selectman Dick asked Johnny to get quotes with more details and options to consider and noted that it will require an evaluation of the road. Johnny responded that he may be able to have an engineer look at it soon as well.

d. Transfer Station requests – Johnny explained that the previous Transfer Station Manager plowed the various municipal parking lots in town and Shauna has offered to do the same. Members were fine with this. Shauna stated that she is concerned about the grade of the new town office building driveway. She also stated that there is now a walkway behind Old Town Hall and she does not think snowblowing for that was factored in to the FY23 budget.

Shauna provided an invoice for the cleanup of the broken hydraulic line on July 9th. She would like to pay this from the Hazardous Waste Day line and suggested renaming the line so that it's for anything hazardous waste related. Selectman Dick stated that this can be added to the narrative section in the budget template. Selectman Dick made a **motion** to approve payment of the invoice from Clean Harbors for hydraulic clean-up in the amount of \$4,885.02 to be paid from line 4324.500. Selectman Lambert **seconded** the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Shauna stated that spray foam cylinders left in the metal pile at the Transfer Station from several years ago could not be taken at Household Hazardous Waste day. She stated that these were probably dumped in the pile while the Transfer Station was closed. The cost to dispose of these is almost \$5,700 for thirteen containers. Selectman Deacon asked if residents could be required to see an attendant before leaving anything there; Shauna explained that if people do not want to pay to dispose of items they just wouldn't tell an attendant at all and cameras would be a better option. Selectman Dick made a **motion** to approve payment of disposal of spray foam cylinders left in the metal pile to Tradebe in the amount of \$5,674 to be paid from line 4324.500. Selectman Lambert **seconded** the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Shauna explained that she received a quote for work needed for the Transfer Station truck. Some items are needed just to pass inspection but the total price including new tires will be around \$7,000. She noted that it is difficult to get new trucks right now; Selectman Dick stated that this should be planned for because the truck is not worth putting more money into. He asked what the truck is used for now and Shauna responded that she uses it for hauling recycled wire and other items and transporting gas for the backhoe. The Members agreed that it would not be cost effective to put another \$7,000 into a truck that clearly needs replacing. Selectman Dick stated that he will meet with Shauna to look at the CRF for Transfer Station equipment and see what the impact will be for other items if the money is used for a new truck now. Selectman Lambert suggested also looking at used trucks.

3. Old Business

a. Taylor Rd erosion – Mark Brown of 48 Taylor Rd stated that he will move his mailbox entirely due to the issue with erosion mentioned at the last meeting. He will keep his culvert cleaned out. Selectman

Deacon asked if the mailbox can be moved to the other side of the road and Mark responded that there is the same issue with erosion on that side of the road as well as in many other places in town.

4. Town Administrator's report – None

5. Select Board reports – Selectman Lambert explained that the new Police pick-up is getting outfitted with electronics. Siri is still on vacation but he hopes to have a Welfare Dept update when she gets back.

Selectman Dick stated that residents may need to be reminded that cleaning out culverts on their property is their responsibility. He has been in touch with DES about the logging on Taylor Rd and they have not yet gone out to inspect but plan to do so. There is a mock-up showing the size of the new town office building sign at the bottom of the driveway; members discussed and agreed on the wording of the sign. Selectman Dick made a **motion** to approve the quote from BPS for the new sign for \$2,980.95 to be paid from line 4915.100. Selectman Deacon **seconded** the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Power lines for the new building should be installed next week depending on weather. Selectman Deacon suggested asking if the poles can be on the right side of the driveway.

Selectman Deacon stated that the aquifer protection ordinance was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting. Dock rentals on Lower Bay Rd were also discussed but members did not determine that it was a business of just residents utilizing their property. The Historic District Commission looked at two projects including ground-mounted solar and a home being built on Tower Hill Rd.

6. Signatures – The following checks were signed: BPS in the amount of \$240,026.37, Key Government Finance for \$49,901.84, and \$5,160 to HL Turner.

7. Meeting minutes of 8/3/22 – Selectman Dick made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 8/3/22. Selectman Lambert **seconded** the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 31st at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audry Barriault, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk: _____

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