

Haverhill Corner Precinct  
Minutes  
November 15, 2023  
7:00 PM

Attendance: Doug Dutile, Albie Estes, Mike Lavoie, Barb Dutile, and Mary Ann Rood

Called to order: 7:00

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve with amendments (old business – speed limit signs, meeting with commissioners, and trees in common) by Doug Dutile. Second by Albie Estes – all in favor

Approve prior meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Doug Dutile. Second by Albie Estes – all in favor

Approve Manifest: Reviewed and signed. Motion to approve by Doug Dutile. Second by Mike Lavoie – all in favor

#### Old Business

Land purchase at monitor building: Update – Doug said that all necessary paperwork is present and closing is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer and commissioners will be present for closing. One check for the closing, signed by Barb Dutile, Treasurer. One check to be paid out later for the penalty of bringing the property out of common use.

EMTA (Dan Baker): Update – Doug Dutile spoke with Michele Pushee and she has agreed help us file on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. Mike Lavoie asked if we get the filing fee back in the suit. Discussion about how to deliver the notice. Doug said we owe it to the tax payers to get the full amount back.

Exercising Water Valves (update): Exercising Water Valves. Doug Dutile will sit with Kevin Shelton and Harold Clough to decide which ones are to be done.

Update – Discussion about how much money we can spend. Doug will get a hold of Harold and get it going with a set amount to start so that we don't go overbudget.

Water meter upgrades (update): We have estimates from Ti-Sales and FW Webb. In order to understand the estimates in their entirety, Kevin Shelton agreed to meet with us about the cost in a work session. (Update needed) – Doug Dutile is questioning the figures from Kevin. Discussion regarding billing and meter reads. Mike Lavoie thinks we need to explain the return on investment to the tax payers. Doug has questions for Kevin. Admin discussed the pricing from FW Webb and utility billing software.

Review revisions to rate Sheet: Admin suggested settling on a rate increase and applying across the board for #10 and #11 on the rate sheet. Discussion regarding dual and triple fees are necessary. Doug Dutile thinks that it should be by hook-up and gallons. Doug thinks there shouldn't be a different rate for farms. Discussion that water use is water use. Mike Lavoie has made clear that he doesn't want to benefit himself, but questioned the two rates necessity. Doug asked if everyone was okay with the increased implemented for #'s 1-9. The price increases were based on the charges from Woodsville Water and Light. Everyone was good with the numbers. Doug said it looks like the 12% increase (suggested) for #10 and #11 looks good. Doug Dutile motioned to do away with the dual and triple charges and have it based on meters installed and gallons used. Mike is concerned we are going to lose money, which we will. Doug stated that we can't be the water police. Along with the motion, Doug added that the rate for livestock should be the same as regular usage rate effective January 1, 2024. Second by Albie – Doug and Albie in favor. Mike Lavoie abstained. Discussion on how to distribute the new rates. Capital Improvement is the only rate remaining due to the fact that the commissioners have to decide how to pay for the new meters.

Town Meeting for all Precincts: Doug Dutile discussed the precinct meeting held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the hiring of a grant writer (the cost to be split between all precincts). All precincts attended except for one that is out sick. Kevin Shelton (Woodsville), Dave Lackie (N. Haverhill), Bob Long (Mt. Lakes), Doug Dutile (Haverhill Corner). They were all given assignments. A follow up meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Woodsville is scheduled.

Speed Limit Signs: Doug Dutile met with the Police Chief – they shook and agreed to option 1 of the quotes provided. Mike Lavoie asked that the sign be placed on the southbound lane of route 10 (near Teague's property). A letter will be written to request that. Discussion regarding the town adding to the budget for another sign to be placed on the northbound.

Common Trees: Mike Lavoie explained that the trees we cut down were an emergency removal. There are one or two more that are in need of being taken down. Mike talked to the town manager regarding reimbursement for the cost. The town would need to budget for the maintenance. Mike thinks it is becoming a hardship for the precinct, that we maintain the town's property. Doug Dutile thinks that legally the town should be maintaining it. The precinct doesn't have the money to maintain it. Mike wants to send the town a letter to the town requesting that they need to budget for it. Doug agreed that we need to send a letter now because the town is in the middle of their budget right now. We went over budget paying for the emergency tree removal. Mike motioned that we send a letter to the town manager and cc the selectboard. Second by Albie – all in favor

#### New Business

Treasurer's report: presented by Barb Dutile. Unanticipated Funds \$52,387.14 / Water Account \$44,191.19 / Donations \$3,166.25 / Building Account \$93,414.05. Motion to approve by Mike Lavoie (thanked Barb for printing copy for everyone to read instead of writing it down). Second by Albie Estes – all in favor

Drop Box: Doug Dutile discussed having one installed while the new window is being installed. Discussion about where it should go. Several residents have requested one.

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank Loan for new water meters. Barb Dutile explained the rates (given during the budget work session) and that the bank can hold the interest rates for a few months until we decide on the meters. Mike Lavoie motioned to secure the interest rate for the five-year loan provided there is no penalty fee for early payment. Second by Doug Dutile – all in favor

#### Other Business

Admin title change. Admin requested title be changed to administrator. Motion to approve title to administrator by Mike Lavoie. Second by Albie Estes – all in favor.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Doug Dutile. Second by Mike Lavoie – all in favor. Adjourned at 8:55