

**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 26, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mike Aronson and Margaret Turner, Vice Chair.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Rita.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Hesser, Mark Decoteau, Jim Mayhew, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Mike Aronson.

2. New Business

• **Town Entrance Bid Discussion**

Mike states that there was one bid received in the amount of \$218,997 which was substantially over the project budget. It was mentioned that the vote on the warrant article for the project at Town Meeting 2018 passed by just one vote. The board felt it was not in the best interest of the Town to accept this bid, as the bid amount put the project over budget by \$100K. It was asked by the board as to why the amount is so far off from the engineer's estimations of costs. It was the thinking of the board to not accept bid at this time. The engineer's estimates were based upon estimates on other projects. They did not include any surveys, sub-surface investigation or detailed engineer work. Once we had funding approved by Town Meeting and could do the detailed engineering, the actual costs changed. Additionally, having only one bid probably increased the overall cost of the project. Mark comments that the bid is good for 45 days and suggested to ask the bidder for cost saving options and possibly making changes to the project to reduce costs. The masonry portion of the project, while not part of this bid, was a large estimated cost and is worthy of asking if this is something that can be modified in any way. There was another option for the sign that did not involve masonry work and used wooden posts on both sides. Discussion followed regarding how to proceed. The option of eliminating the road construction could also be considered. Mike asked to circulation pictures of the wood sign option and get feedback. The Town Core Working Group's feedback is needed before a decision is made.

3. Other Business

• **Trail Work Costs**

Mark stated that the cost of the hiring an individual to walk the proposed trail of 5 miles between Dickey summit and Mt. Tecumseh, with Dan Newton of WVAIA, will be \$400 and the board agreed to cover these costs.

• **Sign Permit – Silver Fox Inn**

The sign permit application was reviewed and found to meet all current regulations. Mike Aronson motions to approve the request of the new sign permit for the Silver Fox Inn.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Class Action Lawsuit – Payments in Lieu of Taxes**

Correspondence was received regarding participation in the law suit regarding payments in lieu of taxes for Forest Service. There are other towns in NH participating.

4. Adjourn

Mike Aronson motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 am.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk /Town Office Assistant