

**Town of Fletcher – Select Board
Fletcher Town Clerk's Office
Monday, January 7, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Members:

Rich Bidwell, Jon Bondy, Matt Gillilan, Christine E. Nilsen, Jesse Wiens

Guests:

Diane Dayvie, Bill Stygles, Karrie Sweet, Aimee Tinker

1) Call to Order

Jon called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2) Public Comment

Diane Dayvie came as a representative of the Fletcher School Board to discuss a few topics. First was the 2018 Common Level of Appraisal. The Select Board shared that the Listers have been pursuing a Town-wide reappraisal, seeking the State's assistance to do so.

Jon shared a request letter from a group at National School Choice Week, asking the Town to declare January 20-26, 2019 as School Choice Week in Fletcher. The Select Board feels this is more an issue for the School Board and asked Diane to bring it to their next meeting for discussion.

Diane also shared that the School Board had been looking into holding the school budget vote in May rather than on Town Meeting Day. They feel, at that later date, there would be more accurate information available from the state as well as tuition amounts from area high schools. The Select Board will contact VLCT to see how this possible change might affect tax bills.

Bill Stygles came in to speak more about the Fairfax dog he had picked up last month. The Board feels this is no longer an issue pertinent to discussion at the Fletcher Select Board meetings. Bill was also given Christine's contact information for use when he picks up any animal in Fletcher. He will also reach out to her if he receives any stray cats or kittens.

3) Regular Board Business

Road Report: Matt shared that the three dump trucks have been needing a lot of repairs lately. The salt and sand usage is increasing due to the recent storms, but we should still have plenty for the rest of the winter.

Matt has been working with Bill Hannon and the Town's lawyer on the process of extending Oustinoff Road and makes the following motion:

"Whereas, it is in the best interests of the Town to extend Oustinoff Road, a Class 3 Town Highway known as Town Highway # 40, in an easterly direction over lands and premises of the Town of Fletcher to the westerly boundary of lands now or formerly of Sizen; and

Whereas, the Town of Fletcher Select Board has the statutory authority to initiate proceedings to lay out and alter a Town Highway.

Now, therefore, pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §708(a), the Town of Fletcher Select Board moves to initiate the proceedings to extend Town Highway #40 in an easterly direction over the lands of the Town of Fletcher to the westerly boundary of the lands now or formerly of Sizen.

Reference is made to the survey entitled "Proposed Subdivision Property of Peter Oustinoff, Diane Oustinoff & William O'Brien, Volume 44, Page 333, Volume 44, Page 416, Town Highway 28, Fletcher, Vermont" dated July 17, 1997 by Hannon Associates, Inc. and recorded

at Map Slide 22-A of the Town of Fletcher Land Records. A Final Survey of the Class 3 Town Road shall control the description."

This motion was seconded by Jon Bondy and all members present voted in the affirmative. Matt will work with Aimee on the rest of this process.

The Board continued discussing the FY20 budget. Beginning July 1, 2019, the Road Crew's wages will increase as follows: Norm \$21.25/hr, Randy \$19.50/hr, Ed \$19.00/hr. The Zoning Administrator's wages will increase to \$19.00/hr. The Town Clerk's wages will increase to \$21.53. The Board also clarified the payout amount for those full time employees who do not opt to take the healthcare benefit. The Town will pay 65% of the healthcare benefit as a monthly stipend to said employee(s).

4) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

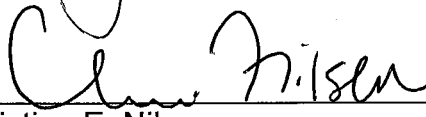
Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Office



Jon Bondy, Chair

Rich Bidwell



Christine E. Nilsen

Jesse Wiens



Matt Gillilan