

**Town of Fletcher – Select Board  
Fletcher Town Clerk's Office  
Monday, February 18, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

***Members:***

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

***Guests:***

Timothy Nulty from Mansfield Fiber, Daren Sizen

**1) Call to Order**

Jon Bondy called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

**2) Correspondence**

**A. Mansfield Fibre**

Timothy Nulty elaborated on Mansfield Fiber's 2/13/2019 letter to the Town requesting a 15 year building lease on Town property. The building, once constructed, would be used as a hub for Mansfield Fiber's fiber optic lines in Fletcher. Mansfield Fiber will pay for electricity and take care of security for the building. In addition, they will provide free Internet for the Town Office. Construction of the building would begin in April. Additional conditions are described in the letter. Christine moved for the request to be approved. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

**B. Oustinoff Road extension**

Jon Bondy gave a report on the 2/16/2019 site visit/ hearing, and discussed the minutes from that hearing. Minutes from the 2/16/2019 hearing were approved. Matt recused himself from the ensuing discussion about the proposal to extend Oustinoff Road. The Board discussed concern from one resident about possible development if the proposed extension was approved. It was clarified that development issues would be taken up with the Development Review Board and fall outside of the authority of the Selectboard. The Board requested Jon to write a decision to approve the extension, to be discussed at the next regular Selectboard meeting, and for Oustinoff Road residents to be notified about the meeting.

**2) Regular Board Business**

**A. 1/30/19 Letter from Waterbury and Strafford Selectboard**

Board discussed new information from a Seven Days article related to the proposed fuel tax legislation in the letter, including VLCT supporting the legislation, projected funding for local roads raised by the tax, and State aid budget for local roads decreasing in FY2020 by \$6.2 million. Jesse will forward the Seven Days article to the Board, and draw up a reply letter to be discussed at the next regular Board meeting.

B. Town sand pile

Board discussed the risk of residents using the large sand pile as it is currently set up. Matt proposed to separate out a small sand pile for resident use and fence off the area reserved for Road Crew use. The proposal was unanimously approved.

C. Oustinoff Road pins

Jon reported on one resident's concern that the dimensions of Oustinoff Road had shifted over time onto their private property and that the pins had been moved. Matt will have the Road Crew re-measure the road after the snow melts.

D. Plow schedule

Board discussed the risk of Road Crew working overtime during winter storms, and ways to support rest/ downtime and reasonable expectations for working hours. Matt will request the Road Crew to come in to the next regular Board meeting to discuss.

E. Maintenance/ Brian Merrill

Jon reported that all required contracts have been signed for Brian Merrill to begin working for the Town. Rich reported that Brian has begun renovating the Town Garage bathroom and researched flooring for repairs to the Zoning Administrator's office floor. Aimee will set up a sales tax-free account at Lowe's for Brian. Board discussed possibility of a cost threshold for when a project would go out for bid vs. Brian doing it.

F. Town Meeting presentation

Board discussed draft of Town Meeting presentation. Jesse will incorporate changes and send out a revised presentation before the next regular Board meeting.

G. ATV meeting


Board moved the ATV hearing from 4/1/19 to 5/6/19.

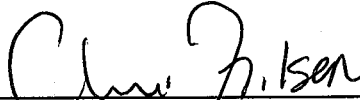
3) **Adjourn**


Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.

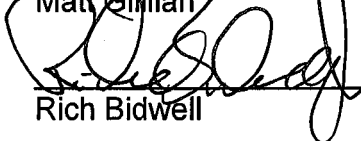
Upcoming Meetings:


Regular Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Town Office

  
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