Town of Fletcher – Select Board Fletcher Town Clerk's Office Monday, October 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present

Members: Jon Bondy (Chair), Rich Bidwell, Matt Gillilan, Christine E. Nilsen, Jesse Weins Guests: Brian Davison, Sue Ferguson, Paul Giuliani, Leslie Nulty, Timothy Nulty, Michael Reed, Rachael Scarpa (Secretary), Karrie Sweet (Town Clerk)

1) Call to Order

a. Jon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2) Facilities

- **a.** The Select Board reviewed quotes to plow the town office parking lot and selected the low bidder at \$75.00 per plowing.
- **b.** The Select Board reviewed bids for the construction of the office in the town garage. Matt will contact the bidders for clarification on their bids.*
- **c.** Generator install potentially happening this Friday.

3) Broadband

- **a.** Tim Nulty from MCF explained his proposal to the board and to Paul Giuliani (attorney). MCF agreed they could send their proposal to the Select Board by the end of 2019. Paul Giuliani said he can provide the Select Board with more information on voting procedures and an estimate on attorney fees (should the town vote to move forward).
- **b.** Michael Reed spoke briefly to the Select Board about there being many ways to bring broadband to rural towns.

4) Board Business

- a. Green Mountain Transit (GMT): Jon reached out to GMT to find out more information on who they serve in Fletcher. GMT explained that because Fletcher does not have its own zip code, it is difficult to distinguish how Fletcher is served, but estimated they provided 170 trips to 4 people.
- b. IT Infrastructure: Michael Bouchard evaluated the town's IT infrastructure and the Select Board reviewed the list of suggested improvements the town should implement. The Select Board unanimously agreed to spend approximately \$6,000 this year on improvements. The Select Board also discussed backing up their current email. Christine will add \$3,000 to the budget for IT expenses.* Jon will ask Karrie and Aimee to reach out to other towns and ask what they are doing for IT security.*
- c. Law Enforcement: Christine and Chris Dodge are trying to find a time to meet with Sheriff Roger Langevin to provide a proposal to the town. The Select Board reported that after speaking with the State Police about concerns at Fletcher Elementary School (FES), there has been increased law enforcement presence at FES.

5) Roads

- **a.** Winter Preparations: Sand is in and currently under budget, but this could change depending on Winter weather. The road crew has been doing truck maintenance in preparation for Winter.
- **b.** Paving is complete, and shoulders are going in this week. The Select Board discussed the issues with the paving process and a pile of asphalt that was left in the road.
 - i. Matt and Rich will send notes to Jesse so he can craft a letter to Pike Industries.*
- c. Road crew is grading as the weather permits.
- **d.** Matt contacted the state about line painting.
- e. Grants: Applying for a Better Roads Grant for Pond Road (near Metcalf Pond).

6) Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

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*Denotes action item

Upcoming Meetings:

Select Board Meeting: November 4, 2019 at 7pm

Jon Bondy, Chair

Matt Gillilan

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Jesse Wiens