

**Town of Fletcher – Select Board
Fletcher Town Clerk's Office
Monday, November 4, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Present

Members: Jon Bondy (Chair), Rich Bidwell, Matt Gillilan, Christine E. Nilsen, Jesse Weins

Guests: Theresa Aiosa, Catherine Cadden, Mike Farmer, Eva Gillilan (Emergency Management Coordinator), Rachael Scarpa (Secretary), Karrie Sweet (Town Clerk), Aimee Tinker (Assistant Town Clerk)

1) Call to Order

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

2) Roads & Emergency Response

- a. Weather emergency: 10/31/2019 at 7:00pm the first call was received from a resident about a washed out culvert on Kinsley Road. The road crew checked all roads in town. Approximately 8-10 roads in Fletcher did not have storm damage.
 - i. The following roads were damaged and closed by the storm:
 1. Howrigan Road
 2. Drinkwine Road
 3. Boozan Hill Road
 4. Taylor Road
 5. Kinsley Road
 6. Vreeland Road
 7. Moore Road
 8. Wright Road- Closed indefinitely
 - ii. Every road but Vreeland and Wright were made accessible by Friday (11/1/19) night.
- b. Emergency Response: Eva Gillilan, Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), was unable to issue VT Alerts because she was locked out of the system.
- c. The Select Board discussed the best process to ensure road closure information is sent to VT Alerts, the state, available on Google Maps, etc. Eva will research how to best broadcast road closures.*
- d. FEMA: Eva discussed with the Select Board what FEMA needs from the town and the timeline for FEMA to respond. Fletcher should be assigned a FEMA representative by the end of this week.
- e. Public Comment:
 - i. Theresa Aiosa asked if the town provides any assistance for class 4 roads that washed away. The Select Board explained that the town can provide culverts, but not maintenance for class 4 roads. The Select Board discussed ways the town could help residents who live on class 4 roads in the future.
 - ii. Catherine Cadden explained the impact the storm had on her property and asked that the Select Board make improvements to the roads that were damaged in the storm (fix them as if the next storm will be twice the size of this one). Catherine expressed that it would be helpful if the Select Board could provide some assistance to residents who live on class 4 roads.
 - iii. Matt Gillilan spoke about the improvements the town made to roads that washed out in the past (not during this storm) and how those roads held up to the 10/31/2019 storm.
 - iv. Mike Farmer asked for the Fletcher Rough Riders to have access roads with a groomer and snow mobile. The Select Board asked Mike to send a written request with a map of the roads he would like to use during the winter.

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3) Town Clerk Business

- a. Property taxes: Fred Fletcher (Delinquent Tax Collector) has 9 properties in delinquency. The Select Board authorizes Fred to initiate Tax Sale proceedings.

4) Facilities

- a. Town office parking lot plowing: The bidder selected at the 10/21/2019 Select Board meeting was unable to obtain reasonably priced insurance to plow. Karrie Sweet is asking for other bids.
- b. Town garage office bids: Matt got clarification on the bids received for this project, and the Select Board selected the lowest bidder, Noel Bishop, to complete the project. Matt will contact the bidders with the decision.*
- c. Generator: The Generator is installed and needs to be tested. Rich will create a step by step process for hooking up the generator to the septic.*
- d. Heat pump in town office: Rich will research the specifications for the heat pump installation.*
- e. Annual maintenance tasks for town office: Rich will make a list of annual maintenance tasks.*

5) Other Items

- a. Law Enforcement: Christine and Chris Dodge (Fletcher Elementary School Principal) are meeting the Sheriff Roger Langevin on 11/7/2019 about what the department can do for Fletcher. Rich spoke with Brad Docheff about Fairfax's experience with the Sheriff's Department.
- b. Broadband: Jon Bondy drafted an article about Mansfield Community Fiber's proposal and asked the Select Board to review for the next meeting.*
- c. Census: Contacted the Select Board about the importance of residents completing the Census and asked to speak with the Select Board in person. The Select Board understands the importance of the Census but agreed an in-person meeting was unnecessary.
- d. Voting: Lars Baris emailed the Select Board ideas for increasing voter turn-out in Fletcher. Jesse will draft a follow up email to Lars.*

6) Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

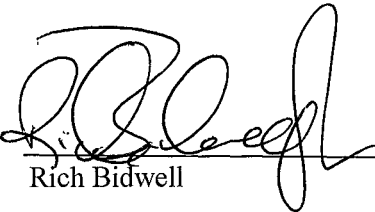
**Denotes action item*

Upcoming Meetings:

Select Board Meeting: November 18, 2019 at 7pm




Jon Bondy, Chair



Rich Bidwell

Matt Gillilan



Christine E. Nilsen

Jesse Wiens