

Town of Fletcher
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Date: 05/17/21

Attendees: Jon Bondy, Matt Gillilan, Matt Swartz, Bruce Douglas, Aimee Tinker, Sybil Jewell, Pat and Thomas Saylor, Joseph "Dan" Crepeau

Meeting began 7:00pm

1. Road report – Matt G

- The 2020 truck is fixed and will be picked up 5/18
 - The truck required a complete motor replacement; engineers will troubleshoot the damaged one as no issues have been noted with this model
 - There has been no Impact on road work due to the time of year it occurred
- Road signs for Metcalf Pond area have arrived
 - Signs will be installed this week
 - Parking area to be freshened with new gravel next week
 - Individuals observed launching kayaks and properly parking in designated area (without signs in place) which is appreciated
- Whitcombs contacted Matt G to start paving early; Issue may be that they would still be paid in July (outside of 30 days)
 - Matt G. will follow up to see if billing is an issue
- Grant for Metcalf Pond has not been received yet
 - Two hydrologic studies have been conducted; conflicting recommendations (box vs 48" round)
 - Additional discussion deferred to Metcalf agenda item (see below)

2. Warrants were approved – Matt S, Jon and Bruce reviewed and approved

3. Broadband

- Aimee provided an update that MCF is still to provide budget in the proper format
 - MCF is aware they are holding up the process

4. Metcalf pond

- Jon would like to make sure that both the water level and beach topics continue to move forward to conclusions
- Beach area update
 - Rocks are currently moved out of way; boat access has not been heavy as of now, may increase with holiday traffic and warmer weather
 - Matt G. requested a quote from Feerick Fence for a gate so the town has the info if it moves forward
 - The area around the "beach" may be impacted by work required by the state to mitigate storm water run-off. Discussions and clarification on the State requirements are pending. Further work and decisions concerning this area will be delayed pending input from the State, Matt G. and Bruce concerning current standards for run-off mitigation and modifications that may be required.
 - Type of culvert and other storm water mitigation requirements etc. are still being evaluated
 - Matt G noted that the Halloween storm (extreme rain event) did not impact this area in its current configuration
- Water levels
 - Matt G. measured the slope of the existing culvert and it is approx. 6" drop across the 40'

- Sybil stated the water level was high at her property. Pat stated it was a normal level for this time of year. There were no observations reported of the levels at the culvert area
 - Beaver control measures (cage type device over inlet) is delayed pending decisions from the state on storm water mitigation as well as potential culvert replacement; The screen over the inlet is being monitored by the road crew
 - Increased beaver activity has been noted due to seasonality
 - Reminder that it has been noted that water does not flow well out of the pond likely due to sediment at the outlet side
5. School road re-classification
 - Discussion around change from class 3 to class 2 to allow for paving and maintenance cost assistance from state
 - Information received to date is that the reclassification would hinge on requirement that a Class 2 road must connect towns
 - School Rd does not meet the requirement so will not be pursued
 6. The Purchasing plan revision/creation was discussed to include the agreed on \$2000 limit
 - Matt S. to send the link to the policies in Cambridge and Underhill (sent)
 7. Jon reviewed the earlier discussion on Metcalf Pond for resident that joined late and missed it
 8. Jon spoke with the Town Listers and outside party that is assisting with re-assessment. The board should consider working up explanations for increases/adjustments etc. so that town residents understand the impact of any changes
 9. Jon will represent the town at the tax sale
 10. Kyle Gabaree is currently permitted to mitigate beavers through trapping if directed
 - Renewal will be required in June
 - Beaver trapping was carried out in the Slattery road area as a result of a blocked culvert
 11. Wright Rd bridge work is pending signature on the contract; Matt G will sign and work should start soon
 - Work should take approx. 5 weeks
 - Road is currently closed so no extra traffic control is required
 12. Add Conflict of Interest Policy to next meeting agenda

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm


Jon Bondy, Chair


Matt Gillilan


Rich Bidwell


Matthew Swartz


Bruce Douglas