

Town of Fletcher Select Board Meeting
Fletcher Town Offices
Select Board Meeting Minutes
09/20/2021

Select Board: Jon Bondy, Rich Bidwell, Bruce Douglas, Matt Gillilan, and Matt Swartz
Attendees: Pam Jedlicka, Karrie Sweet (Town Clerk), Aimee Tinker (Assistant Town Clerk), and Rachael Wilson (Secretary).

1. Call to order: 7:10pm
2. Roads: Rich and Jon are concerned that the road crew hauling sand is preventing them from completing other tasks. Matt Gillilan explained that it is more cost effective for the Road Crew to haul sand than hiring out, but if it is preventing the road crew from completing other tasks, then it is a concern. Jon would like to know what it costs to hire someone else to haul sand compared to what it costs to have the road crew haul sand. The Select Board discussed having the road crew drive all town roads at least once per week.
 - a. Wilson Road bridges:
 - i. One bridge needs to have an inspection done. The most recent inspection was 10-12 years ago.
 - ii. The contractor located on Wilson Road did get a town highway permit. They do need special permission from the Road Crew or Commission to drive over 24,000 pounds on Wilson Road each Spring.
3. Metcalf Pond:
 - a. One of the rocks in front of the beach area was pulled out and put close to the road on Saturday night. The road crew put it back today.
 - b. The Select Board discussed getting a quote for a guardrail for the beach access area.
 - c. Matt Gillilan is going to order gauges for the pond water level. Bruce will re-send the gauges he found online to Matt.
 - d. The pipe hasn't been put in by the ledges yet. Matt Gillilan will follow up with the Road Crew about the status.
4. Broadband:
 - a. Jon spoke about the discussions that took place in the broadband meeting last week. Jon shared a financial model he created that listed invoice and payment schedules. Jon explained that Northern Borders won't reimburse invoices until the total expenses are double what MCFiber has submitted.
 - b. Jon created a second financial model that builds the town out in two phases. This would work in two phases if VEDA would allow a bridge loan. Jon shared the model with MC Fiber.
 - c. MC Fiber presented another plan and explained that they do not need to pay for the fiber when they order it, but instead when it is delivered. By the time the fiber comes in, the fiber cost combined with the construction cost would allow for the project to move forward without a cash flow problem, if there are no timing issues. MC Fiber said they need to buy the fiber all at once, because it may take a long time to arrive.

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- d. In the meeting the NBRC agreed that more RFPs are not needed as long as they're only paying for materials. Jon would like to see this in writing. Jon explained that there will likely need to be more weeks of planning. Once a plan is decided on, it will need approval from all parties.
 - e. Bruce mentioned that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money could be used for broadband. Bruce will research how ARPA money can be used for broadband.
5. ARPA money:
- a. Jon invited Karrie and Aimee to speak to ARPA money use. Karrie explained that some could be used for digitizing records in the vault and book restoration. The Select Board asked Karrie and Aimee to come up with a dollar amount they would need to finish the record digitization and restoration project. Karrie asked how putting money towards broadband would benefit everyone in town. Aimee and Karrie have not seen a full list of what the money could be used for yet. Bruce is going to do research and send a list to Aimee and Karrie. Bruce will find out who decides how the money is used.
6. Town Office:
- a. The floor is buckling in the bathroom and front office. Karrie called Brian, but he was not available. The Select Board discussed fixing the bathroom as soon as possible, because of safety concerns. Rich suggested Karrie and Aimee reach out to Noel Bishop about the bathroom.
 - b. Generator: Aimee looked into the 10 year warranty the Select Board approved at the last meeting. Aimee pointed out that the warranty only covers parts, not labor. Aimee and Bruce both have Generac generators and don't have a warranty, but do have regular maintenance completed. Aimee reached out to two people about quotes for annual maintenance. Bruce will also send Aimee who he uses for generator maintenance.
7. Public Comment:
- a. None.
8. Adjournment: 8:26pm

To Do:

- 1. Matt Gillilan:
 - a. Put together information on the total cost of the Road Crew hauling sand compared to the total cost of hiring a contractor to haul sand.
 - b. Order gauges for the pond water level.
- 2. Bruce Douglas:
 - a. Send Matt Gillilan links to the water level gauges.
 - b. Research how ARPA money can be used for broadband.
 - c. Find a list of ARPA approved expenses and send them to the Town Clerk and Select Board. Research who is the decision maker for how ARPA funds will be used.
 - d. Send Aimee the name of the people you use for generator maintenance.

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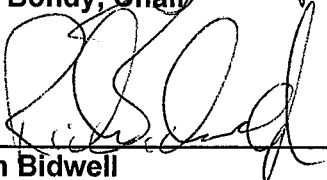
3. Karrie Sweet and Aimee Tinker:
- a. Propose a dollar amount needed to complete the record digitization and restoration project.
 - b. Reach out to Noel Bishop to fix the bathroom floor.



Jon Bondy, Chair




Matt Gillilan



Rich Bidwell

Matt Swartz



Bruce Douglas