

**Town of Fletcher – Select Board  
Fletcher Town Clerk's Office  
March 04, 2024  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

**Members:** Rich Bidwell, Jon Bondy, Bruce Douglas, Matt Swartz

**Guests:** Jen Getty, Karrie Sweet (Town Clerk/Treasurer), Aimee Tinker (Ass't Town Clerk/Treasurer, Select Board Admin), Mike Wells

**1) Call to Order**

Jon called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**2) Regular Board Business**

**Town Meeting Presentation**

There was a brief discussion regarding the ATV Committee Slide.

The Select Board feels that any vote needs to be on a fleshed-out article/ordinance. It would be in everyone's best interest to have it NOT be a simple "yes or no" question. There needs to be something of substance to vote on otherwise we are back at square one.

Mike Wells agrees but also feels that saying there *will* be a proposal is not necessarily a good idea as it's possible the committee will not recommend a proposal be brought forth.

The Board asked Aimee to inquire of VLCT if the Select Board could be forced by voters to either create or rescind an ordinance.

Rich asked to clarify what is the committee's end goal. Matt S said it was decided at the last Board meeting that the committee was to research and gather facts and not get into opinions. They would then report their findings to the Select Board.

The Board then reviewed the remainder of their slideshow presentation.

**Road Report**

There was no road report as Matt G was not present.

**Personnel Policy**

This discussion is tabled until the next meeting when Matt G and Craig Bushey will be here.

**Attorney Ed Adrian**

The Board first hired Ed to assist with Broadband issues. When the Board decided to update the Personnel Policy, VLCT suggested an outside attorney review it and recommended Ed. The Board approved hiring Ed to do so.

**ATV Committee Update**

Their next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Broadband Update**

Jon shared the recent timeline of broadband activities. All parties (Town, State Officials, NRPC, MCF, NBRC, attorneys) met via Zoom in late January. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, NBRC sent an email with their review of that meeting. They incorrectly thought that the project had used up all funds. The Town had a follow-up meeting with NRPC and MCF to review and rebut NBRC's email. NBRC asked the Town to request a project extension until 09/30/2024. The Town has 30

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days to respond formally to NBRC and give them the final budget we will be using to finish the project. If approved by NBRC, we can continue with submitting invoices to be reimbursed.

Ed Adrian suggested that the Town could be used as a means to ease cash flow for MCF. This would involve the Town paying for a project invoice and then submitting to NBRC for reimbursement to the Town. Historically, MCF has been paying invoices and then the Town sought reimbursement from NBRC to MCF. The Town has since been told by MCF that cash flow is no longer an issue for them so this is a moot point.

**3) Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Jon Bondy, Chair

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Matt Gillilan

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Rich Bidwell

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Bruce Douglas