

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 18, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker and Justin Campbell.; Town Clerk via Zoom Bobbi Brimblecombe, Assistant Town Clerk Alex Johnson; Visitors: Patrick Healy, Michelle McCormick, Rich Phillips, Jennifer Carlo via Zoom, Allen Banbury via Zoom

At 5:35 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Baker

Changes or additions to the agenda: No changes to the agenda.

Public Comment:

Minutes: approved the minutes of the July 6, 2023 Selectboard meeting

Old Schoolhouse Update from Maintenance: Gym is still taking on water. Scott has been in contact with ServPro – they will not treat or remediate until all the water is gone. This may take a while for it to air out if there continues to be rain in the forecast. Bobbi mentioned that VLCT will cover a service like ServPro. Scott will continue to assess in the mornings, but he will get back to ServPro to set up a free quote so that we can submit that to insurance for reimbursement as well. Keeping the humidity levels as low as possible in the vault is the main priority. All meetings while the OSC is closed, include in the warning that there is now wheelchair access and entering building is at attendees own risk and discretion.

Martin Bridge: Rich Phillips provided pictures and his assessment of the bridge. The bridge itself is still in place and intact. There is mainly debris, trash and silt cleanup to do, not any big repairs. The main concern is how the river has resituated itself, it could cause more damage to the riverbanks. Justin has contacts with River Engineers – he will add this location to the assessment list. Volunteers approved for minor clean up like trash and silt.

Volunteer Efforts: Michelle McCormick from the village store gave an update on coordinating water deliveries by volunteers and National Guard to the Village Store. A shipment of cleaning supplies was donated from Scientific Games, as well as dehumidifiers and fans from Amazon. Michelle is available to help people apply for help through 211. She is notifying people through Front Porch Forum about a program she set up for lending out tools as well as the form she created to seek volunteer help or offer volunteer help. She is continuing efforts to coordinate food and water for residents and seek volunteers from outside Marshfield to help. Justin shared with her SEOC contact information to seek help.

Twinfield: Patrick Healey wanted an update on Onion River Rd Bridge. Justin is waiting on the full analysis from the state bridge inspectors. Emergency access out of Onion River Campground through Twinfield property is approved through Twinfield. A meeting/ site visit will be coordinated between Justin, campground owner and Patrick with proposed places for building a

road. Bobbi mentioned we will need an easement or written agreement as well as insurance from the school before we can start any construction of the road.

SASS Ave: Will have a more complete assessment after bridge meeting later this week.

Road Conditions: as of July 17th, all roads are passable, with the exception of the bridges. There are stockpiles of material around town to make it easier for dump trucks and tractor trailers that are delivering from surrounding quarries. Many of the roads are structurally improved. There are still some areas that are classified as emergency work, such as Folsom Hill, until water is flowing in the Village. Thank you to our road crew for their works and Eric Frehart of Munson for Folsom Hill work.

Nasmith Road: the banks still need work to divert the brook from roads and residences.

River Locations: Old Schoolhouse is threatened by the river if there is any substantial amount of rain again. Gideon Mangan has machinery to work on school street bridge and river around Old Schoolhouse. Justin will get formal denials from other contractors that he has reached out to that refused the job. Justin proposes that we approve Mangan to repair School Street Bridge, beginning work as soon as Thursday on labor only. Materials can be billed directly to us. Rich Baker makes a motion to negotiate a contract up to 50,000. The motion was seconded by Justin. Banbury access improvement (Cassady Rd). Minor improvement to alternate access road suggested, the area needs assessed to determine if we could improve the structural integrity of the alternate route to make it safe for a long-term temporary solution while the class 4 road/bridge can be repaired.

Bridges: majority of bridges are under review by the state.

Picnic Shelter: The picnic shelter is scheduled to be delivered August 1st. Rich proposed to ask them to hold onto it for at least a year.

OSC Outdoor Lighting: Bobbi will ask for an extension on the grant for the lighting at Old Schoolhouse Common to allow time for work around the river to be completed.

Flood Storage Area: Rich proposed designating a flood storage area to divert water from the building in the case of another flood. Hazard Mitigation Grant? FEMA will cover anything that contributes to or repairs the value of the property.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday at 5:30 to get a more complete bridge update.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Johnson, Assistant Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the July 18, 2023 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
