

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
POWNALBOROUGH HALL
Tuesday, February 18th, 2020
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

SELECT BOARD: Trudy Foss, Gerald Lilly, and Allan Moeller Sr.
STAFF: Michael Henderson
PUBLIC: Dave Probert, Jay Robbins, Dwight Keene, Pean Lilly, Shari Lilly
PRESS: Sarah Whitfield, Evan Houk

1. CALL TO ORDER – First Selectman Trudy Foss called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Third Selectman Allan Moeller Sr. questioned the purchase of a barcode scanner and Michael explained that it is for elections. Trudy informed Michael that unemployment should be billed to insurance and not the General Administration Account. Allan questioned why the phone bill was so high and Michael responded that it was for the use of both Allan and Gerald's phones. Allan motioned to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, Second Selectman Gerald Lilly seconded the motion and all approved.

Trudy asked that all questions be held until 'Citizens Business'.

4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. 163 COMMON ROAD – Trudy motioned to sell 163 Common Road to Brendan McMorro for \$50,000. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.
 - b. UPCOMING SELECTBOARD MEETING- Allan motioned to hold the next Board of Selectman meeting on Wednesday, March 4th at 6:00 PM. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
 - c. POWNALBOROUGH HALL RENTAL – Gerald motioned to waive the \$100 rental fee for the Democratic Caucus and to waive the fee for all caucuses moving forward. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved.
 - d. BOARD OF APPEALS – Gerald motioned to appoint Lorna Mackinnon to the Board of Appeals. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE – Trudy motioned to appoint David Brown to the Budget Review Committee. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
 - b. BALLARD ROAD UPDATE – Jay Robbins, resident of Richmond, reached out to the Town of Dresden in August 2019 to research the legal status of the Ballard/Mcfadden Road. Robbins conducted extensive research through Town of Dresden records, Lincoln County Registry of Deeds, Massachusetts Historic Society, and Pownalborough Courthouse. Robbins showed Tax Maps, a map from 1763, current satellite map, read though Hazel Moody's description of Range ways in Dresden and then showed maps of

the range ways. It is understood that Kennebec Proprietors Dec. 17th, 1761. That shows lot which references an abutting road to the north. There was no original deed for Beasley lot from Kennebec Proprietors. Robbins continued to explain that in 1836 the town voted to accept 3 rod wide centered on Houdlette/Goodwin line. In 1838 the County Court found the road to be a 'convenience and a necessity'. In 1839 the Town voted to create the road with labor. Robbins presented photos of the Corkum Road, now Ballard Road. Photos show cars using the road in the 1880s. In 1940 an article to dismiss the road appears on the Town Meeting Warrant but the article was dismissed. Topographic maps show in 1957 the far right section of the road is maintained. Robbins presented a 1957 map from MDOT and a map from 1971 showing the Ballard Road intersecting with Cedar Grove Road. A deed from Prudence Beasley to Heather Beasley in 2002 which describes the southern bound by a road. In summary it is not a range way, but a road meaning the fee simple title returns to the abutters. But the town possesses the northerly side due to the updated deeds. The westerly portion is a maintained Town road. 3 rod public easement remains easterly.

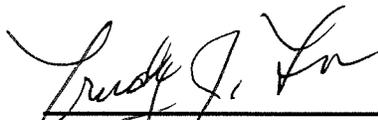
Trudy Foss motioned that based on all of the information presented here tonight and the findings of Jay Robbins that we agree and accept that there was a 3 rod wide road centered on the north line of the Jewett lot and it ran the whole way through as shown on the map presented and marked on by Jay Robbins, and that we maintain our historic determination that a public road exists on the Ballard road. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.

6. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

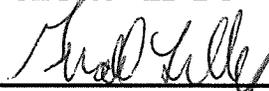
- a. Town Roads – Allan stated that Bob Anair has a machine to remove brush on the Popp, Ludwig, Everson, and Glasheen Roads for \$100/per hour or \$125 per hour for 2 workers. Gerald motioned to cut for 2 days with the option of 2 more days if it goes well. Allan seconded the motion and all approved. Allan mentioned that he may need 500 yards of sand.
- b. Fire Department – Allan said the Fire Truck Committee met recently. Pean said a salesman from Greenwood was coming next Tuesday.
- c. Transfer Station – Gerald said the Transfer Station needs oil.
- d. Town Office – No update.

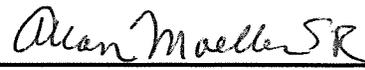
7. CITIZENS BUSINESS – Shari Lily proposed the idea of changing the Annual Town Meeting to be held on a week night (versus being held on Saturday morning which has been done in the past). Trudy asked that the Town Office produce a survey to be included in the March Communicator.

8. ADJOURNMENT – Trudy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11PM. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.


Trudy Foss

APPROVED BY


Gerald Lilly


Allan Moeller Sr.

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