

Town of Hebron  
Selectmen's Meeting  
November 8, 2021

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman, Richard Deans, Curtis Smith and Robert Downey. Elizabeth joined the meeting by speaker phone.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approve minutes of October 25, 2021** Elizabeth had not typed them up yet so a motion was made to table the approving until the next meeting.

**Take up any visitor's questions or concerns:** No visitors

**Roads:** Bob had talked with Steve Swasey, Inc. regarding mowing of our road sides next year and they have an hourly rate of \$140.00 an hour. Price could increase if price of fuel goes up. Elizabeth would like to know how far they could go in an hour. (Average) Bob can follow up to see how far.

Dick talked with a guy from Livermore that does road side mowing and he charges \$1200 a day. Some he knows charge \$1500 a day and some at \$2000. Elizabeth thought that was fine if the job could be done in a day.

Curtis will talk to Swasey.

Bob gave an inventory list for the town garage for budgeting purposes. It is based on the 2020 year as we are not through 2021 yet.

Elizabeth did not have the list to look at but thought it sounded like a good break down.

Bob needs a new computer. His is so old that Chris Sanborn cannot even work on it. Elizabeth asked him if he would like a lap top or desk top. Bob thought the desk top would work for him as he can take notes daily and go back to the computer in his office.

As far as a snowblower. Elizabeth did not object but wants to get a size big enough for all jobs.

Bob mentioned that he might be running low on diesel fuel to stretch it to next year's budget.

Elizabeth recommended that he not run too low.

Elizabeth thanked Bob for his budgeting number and said it would be very helpful.

Bob mentioned that we have never gotten any "No Parking" signs for over by the ballfield.

The Board of Selectmen said to get the signs and get them up. Bob said he thinks Alex with the dog sleds will work with us. Bob will get the posts put in the ground before freezing and put the signs on them when he gets them.

**Equipment:** The truck body has been sold and Bim should be over to get it soon.

**Transfer Station:** Archie's sent over a recycling bin that had a dividing panel which looked like it could drop down if someone was to throw something in it. Dick will check with Archie's to see if it is safe.

**Office: Auditor responses, Resignation letter from Jessica, Employee Health Insurance increase in Health 5%, Dental 1% and Vision, no change.**

Elizabeth and Curtis expressed interest in having an interview with Jessica. Elizabeth said Jessica would have no skin in the game if she only came in on Mondays. She said Joan needs to do the reports, needs to be the Moses Agent, and needs this on her plate. She wondered if Jessica wanted to do a sabbatical for a few weeks. The selectmen are sorry to here that Jessica is leaving.

The board discussed putting the ad back out on "Indeed" as we had a good response before. It was mentioned that maybe the Town could contact Brie and make her an offer.

Dick got a quote from Ron Smith, auditor. He is popular. He is out of Buxton. He made us a proposal of \$7000. He is the only one we have heard from. Elizabeth thought his offer was in our ball park even if a little bit more. He has a good reputation. Curtis made a motion to hire RHR Smith & Company, 3 Old Orchard Road, Buxton, Maine, 04093, for the next three years. Dick seconded it. Elizabeth on speaker phone and could not second the motion. Dick will get a letter out to Ron Smith. Elizabeth asked to send her a copy of the reply.

**Storekeepers: Concerns** Curtis said the new owners have evicted the tenants upstairs in the apartment. They have been harassing Zach Creps and Curtis thought they may have torn up the ball field a little bit. The selectmen discussed the issue and decided that Zach needed to call the Sheriff's Department to report this. Maybe they could do a drive-by. Zach is the one that needs to call them.

**Other Business: Railroad Gate** Dick said there are some people who would like the gate opened for deer hunters. The gate was originally put up to prevent party goers from go up the old railroad bed. Davis was doing some property transferring but could not get a written "Right of Way " to his property. Lon and Beth Francis had handled the key. Dick said that Davis has a key and the town road crew have a key.

Elizabeth was wondering why Davis had a key if he does not have an easement. Elizabeth said this would have to go to Town Meeting. She said the selectmen cannot issue an easement. An article should be written up and bring it to town meeting. Elizabeth said the town would be giving up their right to the property and Davis would have to pay. Dick found a copy of a deed from the railroad to the Town of Hebron back in 1956.

**Broadband:** Elizabeth said we need to get people testing their internet speed. She is going to send out an e-mail. Dick said Fred Greenwood and Nelson Baillargeon are interested in being on the broadband committee.

Warrant signed and meeting adjourned. 8:30 PM

Joan E. Clough, Clerk