



**Town of Whitingham
Office of the Selectboard**

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2022

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The Whitingham Selectboard held a *special* meeting at 6:30pm in the Selectboard Office of the Whitingham Municipal Center on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Selectboard members present: Scott Reed, Chair; James Weber, Vice Chair; and Craig Hammer. Greg Brown attended remotely.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator; Sean Dupuis, and Bill Hunt, A&S Logging.

Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Scott M. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Hearing of Visitors

None.

Sewer: open and possibly award tree cutting bids

Two bids were received to cut the trees behind the Whitingham Sewer Plant:

- A&S Logging \$8,400 proposed start date Monday, April 18th.
- Wimmelman and Sons Tree Service, LLC \$12,500 to begin as soon as possible “one to two weeks from approval”

A motion was made by Scott Reed to award the project to A&S Logging to start on Monday, April 18th, seconded by James Weber, three in favor, Craig Hammer abstained.

We made it clear to A&S and Bill Hunt that any issues with the state permit or lack thereof is on us. Mr. Hunt is very experienced, available and will already have equipment on site to do the bank repair. In this emergency situation it made sense that he should stay and do that work also. The plan is to use the cement blocks that were originally purchased to build the highway department’s new salt shed to toe into the bottom of the bank and build up a wall and then riprap above the cement blocks (larger stones on the bottom working up to smaller stones on top). Drainage to be added if necessary.

Greg Brown offered his time and machinery to get rocks from Ick Road to the boat launch as needed for this project.

Frost Well Drilling might have drilled the well(s) Gig should find out how far down to ledge it is by checking with the State of VT. Gig will look into turbidity curtains at EJP in Chesterfield.

Sewer: approve forms to sign for Step 3 loan

In order for the Step 3 loan to be approved two more documents are required to be submitted. We had asked the engineer to complete these forms many months ago; he finally signed off on the “Cost & Effectiveness Certification Form” and told us that the documents required for the “Fiscal Sustainability Plan Certification Form” can be found in various places, if he had to create such a plan for us he estimated the cost would be \$2,500 to \$2,800. Gig then contacted Tom Brown, who indicated that the Asset Management Plan completed years ago by the firm Dubois & King would be sufficient. The board reviewed both forms and approved of Gig signing and submitting them to Tom Brown for the loan.

Discuss issuance of Health Order

The board is troubled by the fact that the state could not address the issue of a camping trailer’s sewer hose being released onto the land, it is now nearer the river. Gig prepared a Notice of Intent which explains the facts of the situation to the property owner, asking them to correct the matter immediately before a Health Order needs to be issued. The board reviewed the Notice and approved it. It will be hand delivered to the property owners tomorrow morning by Gig, James Weber, and Greg Brown. The Hearing will be on April 20th during the Selectboard meeting.

Other business

Jacksonville EZ-Riders invited the board to the Landowner Appreciation Dinner on Saturday April 30, 2022, which will be served as a take-out meal.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by James Weber, seconded by Craig Hammer, all in favor.

Scott Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,
~Gig Zboray