SELECTMEN’S MINUTES

November 14, 2022 at the Town Hall

Present: Bruce Beane, Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy, Tom Smith, Administrative Assistant- Heather Torres, Treasurer-Celine Presby, Jim Trudell-Advisor to the Selectboard

Other: Myles Barnes

Chairman Beane called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

**Manifests & Invoices:**

The manifests for 11/07/2022 and 11/14/2022 were authorized and new invoices for future payment were reviewed and initialed.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report was read and showed a balance of $159,926.11 in the WGSB checking account, $50,000 in the NOW account, and $103,646.43 in the WGSB Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account. Beane motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report as given, 2nd by Ho-Sing-Loy, all voted in favor.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for the October 31, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Smith motioned to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Beane, all voted in favor.

**Committee/Department Reports & Needs: None**

**Permits and Applications: None**

The following was approved: None

**New Business:**

MilesBarnes was present to further discuss his intentions regarding his offer to repair the class VI section of Hubberton Road. He stated that any work done will be at his own expense and will not create any cost to the town of Lyman. Mr. Barnes stated that the work will be done on the Hubberton Road at the end of the road where it joins Quebec Road. He assured the Selectmen that he intends to : (1) only work to divert existing ground water over a short distance to an existing culvert which crosses under Quebec Road. Selectmen Tom Smith suggested that pictures supplied by Mr. Barnes show that the water at times floods the Quebec Road which at times during the winter creates icy conditions on Quebec Road. He hopes to have Barnes suggested work eliminate this hazard. Tom Smith told Barnes to be certain that any work he does, does not change the width or the path of the road. Bruce Beane told Mr. Barnes that the town must know what he intends to do and how the water will be diverted. Beane also asked how Mr. Barnes intended to use Hubberton Road to access his property which is on the Class 5 portion of Hubberton Road, because that end of the Class 6 portion of the road is impassable at times also. We were assured that only approximately 600 feet of the Quebec end of Hubberton Road would be worked on. Beane questioned the size of the existing culvert and if whether or not it would be adequate for any additional water.

Tom Smith stated that the road in its present condition is not passable during any season.

Mr. Barnes stated that the reason for his interest in the work on the road is so that it would save him time when he wants to move equipment.

Beane stated that all work must be done by the book and must follow state guidelines. Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy stated that we were only resurfacing the portion of the road in question and we are not doing anything wrong.

Beane questioned the culvert that is in place now. Where is the water going to go? What happens to this diverted water? Who is going to be responsible for building a new culvert if needed?

Miles Barnes has been told that he is fully responsible for the work he does on the road and that he does not own the work rights on the road.

A vote was taken on this matter: A Vote was taken as to whether or not to allow Miles Barnes to make his suggested changes and repairs to the Quebec end of the class 6 portion of the Hubberton Road with the following restrictions on the work to be done. (1) No change to the travel width of the road will be allowed. (2) No more than 600 feet of the road at the Quebec end will be reworked. (3) No work will be done anywhere else on Hubberton Road.

The vote was as follows: Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy YES

 Tom Smith YES

 Bruce Beane Abstained

Beane gave the reason for his position on the matter as being an open door for a lot of problems for the town.

Appointments: None

 Public Matters: None

 Beane Motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 7:00pm

 Seconded by Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy

 Meeting Adjourned.

**The Next Regular Selectmen’s meeting is scheduled for November 21st @ 6:00pm at the Lisbon Railroad Station and will reconvene at the Lyman Town Hall**

Approved:

Bruce E. Beane

Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy

Tom Smith