

Town of Oakham

Board of Selectmen
Regular Session
Minutes of March 22nd, 2021

Present: Bradford Taylor, *Chairman*; Lucy Tessnau, *Vice Chairman*; Don Haapakoski, *Clerk*

In attendance: Paul Rochette, Finance Committee; Thomas Hughes, Emergency Management Director; Kevin Currier, Highway Superintendent

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM by Chairman, Bradford Taylor

The meeting is also being broadcast via Zoom as a remote option

Highway Department, upcoming Chapter 90 projects:

Chairman, Brad Taylor began by stating that there is a concern with the area between Mr. Brunelle's driveway and New Braintree Road with regards to the paving plan previously discussed by the Highway Superintendent. Brad stated that he was under the impression that the area was flat but there is a pitch to it.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Currier stated that the driveways will be leveled off after the road is reclaimed. He said that this is what these guys do, they will come in and grind everything up then level it off at the end. Kevin also stated that the pole has since been removed from that area as well so the whole outlay is going to be different.

Brad stated that he isn't trying to engineer the project but is just trying to avoid a problem. He said the only reason it is being brought up is because a concern was brought to their attention.

Kevin stated that by the time the project is complete, no water will go on Mr. Brunelle's property and it will drain out around the corner.

Brad asked Kevin if he could just outline that so they had the plan on paper.

Kevin said he can but also stated that when you allow residents to get involved in these projects, it only causes problems. He said that he has done miles of roads in this town and has never had this many issues.

There was a discussion regarding the project timeline and available money. Brad stated that he would like to take care of the oldest projects first.

Kevin said that if we sit on this money for too long then we are going to lose it, which is why he put in for East Hill first. He said that should be complete by the end of May, weather permitting.

Lucy asked Kevin if we will be looking at road closures. Kevin said that we would but he would make sure to post it on their electronic sign ahead of time so people can plan accordingly.

Brad read a letter sent to the Selectboard by Susan Turnbull and there was a discussion regarding the parking spaces by the common and the necessary ADA regulations.

Lucy asked Kevin about the crosswalk from the town hall to the common and there was a brief discussion about having that repainted.

Old Business:

Brad stated that the security cameras came in for the library and town hall. They are still working out the installation details.

Brad asked the board when they would like to begin with the new time off request forms. The board agreed to begin that at the next payroll.

Kevin stated that he has 9 weeks total vacation time, between all of his employees, which he needs to keep in mind when planning the summer road projects. He clarified that they do not all take their vacations at the same time.

Don asked what we are doing with the old cruiser. Brad stated that the wrecked cruiser body needs to be towed back to the police station from Breakaway Auto and then it will need to be relisted with a reserve.

Lucy asked Paul when the next Finance Committee meeting is and Paul said it was going to be Wednesday at 6:30PM. There was a brief discussion about departments that may still need to meet with the finance committee.

Don stated that he received a grant notification for the Police and Fire Departments for up to \$20,000 and that can be put toward a new vehicle.

Public Comment/Correspondence:

Resident Stacy Skowrya inquired about the town's election process and other operations.

Lucy stated that she received a notification about mosquito spraying from the state and discussed the new requirements for opting out, if the town doesn't want the state spraying for them.

Payroll Warrant & Minutes Approval

Brad made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 3/11/2021, the motion was seconded by Don and voted all in favor.

Brad made a motion to accept payroll warrant PR 21-20, the motion was seconded by Don and voted all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Next regular meeting: March 29th, 2021 at 6:00PM