Select board Meeting

December 16, 2021

7:00pm

Athens Town Officer

Present were Darlene Wyman, Lynn Morgan, Janet Perry, April Lyman, Matt Perry, Dennis Mirante, Zech Wicker, Colin Bratton, Denise Randall, Krista Gay and David Bemis.

David called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Adjustments to the agenda: There were no adjustments.

Minutes of the prior meetings: Denise made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 18th, December 4th and December 14th meetings. David seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Denise made the motion to accept the December 15th Special Town Meeting, minutes with the corrections. David seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Culvert to lower parking lot Town Office/Church: Colin stated that Scott Jensen asked him about help with a grant for the culvert. Colin brought documents for the Board to sign since the grant is due December 17. The cost for the culvert will be approximately $20,000.00-$30,000.00. The grant will be for approximately $30,000.00 with $25,000.00 from the state and the town share $5,000.00 which would include labor and materials. Discussion followed on the costs of the culvert replacement and whether a used culvert could be purchased. David made the motion to sign the grant application and to not purchase the used culvert from Bazin Bros. until it can be approved. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Colin stated the grant monies would not be available until the spring.

Mask Ordinance: The mask ordinance was discussed. David made the motion to ask during flare ups of COVID, masks be worn at meetings in the elementary school and town office and masks be worn when the town office is open. The board will address the issue again at the January board meeting. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Boards and officials: Lynn reported that the school boards were notified that the finance business manager had resigned. As a result of the status of the finances at the SU it is highly unlikely that any of the school budgets will be ready by March town meeting day.

COVID is still active throughout the SU schools. Total COVID case count for the period of December 1st to the 13th is 35. The total COVID case count for the Athens/Grafton elementary school is 2.

Warrants and mail: The mail was reviewed. The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Roads: Matt reported that other than the slimy dirt roads due to the weather everything is going well. The Ford F550 and the freightliner need new head lights. Matt asked about a sign for the garage junk pile stating for metal only. Matt has put in a grant for ledge removal. A hydraulic study is needed for the Ober Hill bridge. Matt stated it is about time to repave the roads. He stated that he would like to repave Route 35 from the town line to the new pavement then skip to the old pavement near the Bemis Pond.

Janet presented an invoice she sent to have on file for the costs of the damage to the beaver pond on Brookline Road.

Matt stated the FEMA grant that is being worked on is coming along.

Further business/Adjourn: There being no further business David made the motion to adjourn. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wyman, Town Clerk