

April 8, 2019 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m. and all board members were in attendance. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** The Veteran's sign will be removed and Sup. Ferguson and Coun. Greenough believe that the brackets that hold the sign can be bent so that the new overhang won't need to be removed to get to the sign. The fuel tank project has been completed.

**New Business:** The Spectrum petition has about 100 signatures on it and we would like to see more.

Kim Jensen addressed the board during tonight's meeting. She was visiting on behalf of the Vermont Chestnut Removal Program. She has had discussions with Fred Dunlap about them using a site in New York and he has agreed to allow them to. He will be getting them the necessary permits to move forward from this point on. They are considering where to put an entry site as well as a disposal site. On Thursday, April 11, Ms. Jensen, Mr. Dunlap, and Mr. Hobus will visit Chubb's Dock area and the Town Pit to review if these are acceptable sites. Mr. Hobus is concerned if there will be enough weeds for both Vermont and New York to eradicate together because of low water levels. Due to the fact that the Vermont boats are better suited to get into some areas when the water levels are low they will be concentrating on those areas. Vermont will pay for any repairs necessary to access Chubb's Dock to make it passable for vehicles and will be paying \$15,000 for the use and disposal of spoils. When things get finalized a M.O.U will be needed and written up and passed.

**Resolution #12-2019** titled **Town of Dresden/Washington County Techra-Tech Hazard Mitigation** Plan was presented during the previous month's meeting. It was requested by the board to be able to view what it contains before passing it. A copy is available and will be passed during tonight's meeting. A motion to adopt **Resolution #12-2019** was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun.

Raymond and all were in favor. The Town Clerk will send a copy of the passed resolution to the county.

Financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office.

A 36" walk-in door will be put in the basement. The overhead garage door that is there is going to have to be removed for safety reasons. Mike Bridger and Warren Gordon will be doing the work. They will also be replacing a furnace line. An amount of \$3,300 to include the price of materials and labor has been suggested and the board accepted the bid. The cemetery bids were submitted for this coming season. Two written and 3 verbals were given to the Supervisor and he has selected Scott Brown to continue mowing the cemeteries for \$5,500.

Susan Ives, the town Postmaster, addressed the board and those in attendance about the upcoming Post-Mark stamp to commemorate the town's zip code as a date stamp this year. She handed out a sample of what it may look like. The drawing will be done by her of our local post office after many suggestions. There will be a recognition gathering on Sunday, December 8, 2019 in the town hall.

TDI has remained quiet for some time; however, the project is on hold but will be coming in the future.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Since our last meeting the crew has had to deal with 4 snow and ice events, mostly elevational. They also cut, split, and put in storage over 20 cords of firewood for next season. Most of the rest of the time was spent on equipment maintenance. We have begun power brooming the town roads. And finally, Jim Brown is back to work and it's good to have him back. Erich Hobus is about 2-3 weeks out and is doing well at physical therapy 5 days a week, 4 hours a day in Wilton.

A discussion about parking Town equipment off town property, specifically speaking of the pay loader parked at the Highway Superintendent's home, was brought up during the meeting. The Supervisor wanted to put out to vote to have all equipment stored at the town highway shed. Councilmen Greenough, Barber, and Wilbur have agreed that they do not want to micro-manage the Highway Superintendent's decisions. They agree to allow Mr. Hobus the authority to run the department and use of equipment as he seems fit. As for the

rust proofing undercoating, Mr. Hobus will be reaching out to the folks who are offering to do it for more information of using it on trucks that have been oil undercoated.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment but a sincere thank you to our local fire volunteers for their quick response to the fire at Bob Cucinello's.

A motion to enter into executive session was made at 7:40 p.m. A motion to exit executive session was made at 7:54 p.m. An announcement was made to remind folks about the Republican Caucus being held in the Town Hall on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. A motion to adjourn was made at 7:56. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Dresden Town Clerk.

**Attendance:** Matt Saari-Whitehall Times, Breanna Ryder, Clayton Ryder, Warren Gordon, Mike Bridger, Sue Ives, Linda Barber, Kim Jensen-VTDEC, Scott Brown, Robert Leckonby