

Selectmen's Draft Agenda/Minutes
Monday, March 8th 2021
6:00 p.m.

Scott Jenness from Borderline Ridge Riders will be attending the meeting.
Reno Gervais from Tri County ATV Club will be attending the meeting.

Present: Eric Pope, Chair, Larry Labor, Robert Guyer, excused Absence, TammyLee Morin, Clerk to the Board.

Others present: Reno Gervais & Stacy Roesse from Tri County ATV Club.
Scott Jenness on Phone speaker from Borderline Ridge Riders.
Emily Nyman and Lynn Berry & James Judd & Donna Young.

1. Call the meeting to order.

A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Make any changes/additions needed.

- a. ATV Discussion: See #4
- b. Morgan Water System – The Town was notified for an alleged violation for exceeding the PFAS MCL during sampling in first quarter 2021 at E. Taylor Hatton. This was discussed and Phill Laramie & Tyler Bilingsley (engineer) has been notified a meeting is set for Thursday March 18th 2021 with Merrideth Maskell, Non Community Operations System Supervisor from the State of Vermont. Larry and Eric will meet with all of these people and bring back to the next meeting of March 22, 2021.
- c. 4 more Municipal Excess weight permits added.
 - 1. Amerigas
 - 2. Spafford & Sons of Williston Vt. Inc.
 - 3. Oil Supply Corp.
 - 4. Cardinal Logistics Management Corp.A motion was made and seconded to sign and release the above permits.

- d. Vt. Rural Water Association bill for \$199.00. A motion was made and seconded to approve to pay on orders #20032 on March 22, 2021.

3. Review and approve the minutes of last meeting dates February 22, 2021 as written.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021 as written.

4. Let any Guests speak.

The Presidents of the clubs were asked to speak and explain their trails and border lines for each trail and answer any question the board or guests had to ask.

Eric explained that back in the spring there was an informational meeting for the ATV trails and that the meeting was not very well attended so for that reason the Board decided to hold off and wait until more of the Town could be involved in the decision. Eric explained that this was not a quick decision and that even though the Board had the right to make a decision on their own they felt that it needed to be heard and decided on by the Town's people.

Eric explained the reasoning for opening all roads rather than just opening the corridors that were proposed was to the Town's people and giving them the same access as a resident of neighboring towns.

There were concerns raised about town highways that turn into private roads and what would be done to prevent or mitigate problems on private roads.

Both Clubs explained that in their experiences most anticipated problems end up not being a problem and typically riders will police themselves. There will be times a mishap may happen but it doesn't usually continue. The Clubs explained that signage is very important and helps to alleviate a lot of the unforeseen mishaps that may come. Most riders have a destination and are not out just for a joy ride. Any law enforcement officer can be of assistance to problems that arise and enforce traffic laws.

The Board promised that they would act upon any problems that may come to them and that this is an annual review.

Another concern was young children driving these vehicles and how old they have to be and if they need license and sticker etc...? Reno Gervais explained and confirmed with Scott Jenness that anyone under 12 has to be accompanied by an adult. All ATV's have to abide by all the same rules as we do in a vehicle.

The Board will itemize the 3 sample draft ordinances they have and put together one that will fit the Town of Morgan. This will then be sent to the Town Attorney for legal advice and once finalized and signed by the Board, it will be published for 60 days before taking affect to allow for a petition process.

The Board also encourages anyone with questions to please view the ATV Laws and statutes on the Town website at townofmorgan.com.

5. Tabled from the last meeting of February 22, 2021 #6 Annual Packet from State of Vermont Highway division district 9.

The Annual Packet from the State of Vermont Highway Division district #9 was reviewed approved and signed.

6. Email from Kelly Paul who was voted in at Town meeting for North Country School Board Director, declining the position.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the email Kelly Paul sent to the Board to decline the write in vote for the North Country School Board Director and to add it to the list of appointed offices for the one year term.

7. Appoint offices:

A motion was made and seconded to table the appointments of offices until the next meeting of March 22, 2021 for review.

a. Board of Adjustment:

b. Fence Viewers:

c. Inspector of Lumber, shingles and wood:

d. Animal Control Officer:

e. Weigher of Coal:

f. Tree Warden:

g. Town Service Officer:

h. Health Officer:

i. Town Fire Warden:

j. NEKWMD Supervisor:

k. Emergency Management:

I. Civil Defense:

m. Energy Coordinator:

n. North Country School Board Director. (1 Year term of a 3 year term.)

8. Two (2) Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits to review, approve and sign from JBL Hauling & Excavating, & Structural Wood Corp.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign the 2 Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits shown above #8.

9. Update on Bag order from Wastezero.

(FYI) Bag order is behind due to COVID19 and quarantining put them behind.

10. Email from Bruce Melendy for Local Emergency Management Plans forwarded to Sean Selby and Eric Pope. (FYI)

Eric will contact Sean Selby. An email was sent to Sean but there has been no response.

11. Orders # 2030 in the amount of \$60.87 in accounts payable for Town Meeting Lunch.

A motion was made and seconded to approve order #20030 in the amount of \$60.87.

12. Orders #20031 to review approve and sign for payment.

A motion was made and seconded in the amounts for Payroll in the amount of \$ 1,776.32 and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 37,525.91 for payment.

13. Other Business:

N/A

14. Adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

