

Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2024

Selectman Norman Beckwith called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Calling of the roll:

Selectmen: Norman Beckwith, David Thorp,

Guest(s): Hutch Gagne

There were no meeting minutes.

Norman was concerned with putting gravel next to the new tar. Norman spoke with Jordan about adding gravel next to the new tar, but Jordan is unsure how to go about it without causing damage. Norman asked David if he should go and speak with Jordan. David said he felt they should wait to see if they will be getting any pushback for not putting this out to bid. Norman felt that it was already in the bid package therefore it should be good. David said it needs to be done before the end of the fiscal year. Norman wasn't sure how much it was going to cost and said before it was \$20,000.00 but will see what the total cost will be. David reminded Norman it needed to be finished by June 30th.

Norman and David discussed the culverts on the Upper West Road. Norman said there are potholes where Jordan put dirt during the winter. Norman feels the dirt needs to come off and the culverts need to be replaced. David feels they need to pave over them.

David met with Deb about FEMA. FEMA will be looking at the damages on the Blanchard Road. Norman wanted to know when the Town of Shirley will get paid from FEMA for the Town of Shirley repairing the Blanchard Road. David is unsure and won't know until FEMA does the on-sight evaluation.

The selectmen discussed the ATV traffic and the complaints coming from the residents. The residents are unhappy with the speed of the ATV's. Norman said the County Sherriff's and Game Wardens were recently here to watch the ATV's. Norman said it seems to be working out. David feels the ATV signs on railroad tracks and the Blanchard Road have kept the traffic off the Upper Shirley Corner Road and the Lower Shirley Corner Road.

Norman would like to take care of the Bamboo by the School Bus Turnaround and on the corner where the Upper and Lower Shirley Corner roads meet. Norman would like to cut it and burn it and then spray chemicals from ware butler that he uses at his house to kill the bamboo. David agreed that Norman can do the job.

Norman discussed the alder bushes at the Town Hall near the propane tank. Norman would like to cut them down and haul them off. David told Norman he could do the job he needed to wait until July 1st.

The selectmen discussed how it is an inconvenience to turn in their time sheets every two weeks. They would rather turn them in once a month or every couple of months.

A resident was upset that nonprofits are allowed to come into the Town of Shirley and buy up all the property and they don't have to pay taxes.

Norman said the Planning Board is investigating if they can place a moratorium on them.

The same residents were concerned about a sign that is on the North Road keeping traffic out. Norman said the town of Shirley owns part of that road and they should ignore the sign. David suggested they get with a lawyer to find out the correct information on that road.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Nye-Secretary