



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2024

Members: Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, George Cormier

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Jason Luneau, Acting Interim Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Kevin Barrows, Superintendent

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Jude Prashaw, Mary Donohoe, James Brewster, Tom Cloutier, Peter Danforth, Jerry Throne, Brent Teillion, Matt Percy, Tyler Mumley, Tony Cote, Ron Stancliff, Charlie Burnham

**participating via Zoom*

4:00PM - PUBLIC MEETING SITE VISIT

Don McDowell called the Special Selectboard Meeting to order at 4:00PM at the Duhamel Pit

1. Introductions

Tyler Mumley, Engineer introduced himself to the attendees and welcomed everyone to the Annual Duhamel Pit Spring meeting that is required by Act 250 Permit.

2. Overview of proposed construction focus for the season

A. Town

B. Engineer

C. Contractor

Tyler Mumley, Mumley Engineering Inc, began the public hearing on-site at the Duhamel Pit by discussing the planned 2024 operations for the haul road area of Phase III project. Mumley Engineering had several maps available for the public to view. The maps showed contour lines, an existing road network and proposed construction for the season. Tyler opened the meeting to all comments and concerns from the folks in attendance.

A few folks had concerns over the Japanese knotweed and the honeysuckle. Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent, reassured folks that the area where the knotweed and honeysuckle can be piled to avoid spreading had been chemically treated with a herbicide application and more herbicide is anticipated this spring. Although challenging, knotweed populations can be brought under control through a combination of both mechanical and chemical treatment by cutting and herbicide application respectively.

Other concerns addressed during the meeting involved the construction impeding upon the bike trails, which may happen sooner than anticipated but not likely during this construction year. Developing a system of communication in which folks can be informed of progress and how it impacts those in the

area recreating was discussed last year and there seems to be a clear channel of communication in place. Hank Glowiak, from Chucks Bikes, has agreed to spread the word on behalf of those recreating, the parking lot kiosk will be a place for posting any notices, the town website and front porch forum will also be used for notifications.

3. Questions & Answers

Some discussion ensued as to the contractor for the anticipated work in 2024. Tyler Mumley is working with the town administration to complete the Request for Proposals (RFP) and begin the process of finding a contractor to finish the Haul Road operation of the Duhamel Pit.

A comment was made regarding erosion control, reforestation and proactive compliance and execution for a better result which will be taken into consideration.

5:00PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm

Submitted and filed this April 3, 2024.

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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