

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

Minutes (Final)

Thursday, April 16, 2020

The meeting was held via teleconference and pursuant to the most recent revisions to the Vermont Open Meeting Law enabling all participants to dial-in remotely.

Roll call attendance via teleconference:

Selectboard Members: Joe Ronan, Kevin Gish, Mary Gavin

Staff: Deb Jones, Finance Manager, Margy Becker, Selectboard Assistant
Frank Rogers, Road Foreman

The Chair convened the meeting at 7:30AM as warned.

Review and Approve Agenda:

Kevin Gish made the motion, which was seconded by Mary Gavin, to approve the agenda without changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Covid 19 Updates:

The Selectboard is in receipt of more clarifications of Addendum 6 to the Stay-At-Home Order concerning ‘essential work’ for municipal highway crews. After some discussions in which board members noted their intent *not* to furlough employees, the Selectboard agreed the road crew will continue to report to duty only to perform ‘essential’ highway work. The crew must practice social distancing while at work. When not at work road crew members will draw down on administrative leave.

‘Essential work’ is interpreted to be consistent with the VT Agency of Commerce & Community Development’s recent determination that ‘essential work’ is ‘doing repairs to roadway infrastructure necessary to ensure the imminent safety of motorists’. This work can consist of ‘fixing mud holes and grading only to make roads passable, repairing large potholes, and replacing failing culverts’. Other normal spring maintenance activities such as street sweeping, litter pickup, ditching will not occur during the Stay-At-Home Order period.

Frank Rogers informed Selectmen that the backhoe needs repairs. The consequence of this is two employees will have to remain at home more than others. Deb Jones apprised Selectmen and the Road Foreman of employee rights to draw down on leave vs. filing for unemployment. Garage and equipment disinfection procedures were reviewed. Deb Jones has ordered face masks, but there will be a delay in delivery. Mary Gavin suggested obtaining cloth masks in the interim – either via the IC team or perhaps Nance Durkee (Fay Brook Road).

Adjournment: Mary Gavin made the motion to adjourn at 7:56AM. Kevin Gish seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by, Margy Becker