



- The existing culvert is the 2nd iteration of the structure. The town applied for FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant and scoped the line in April 2012. This spring, we were awarded a 75% of the cost of the \$1.1 million project. We are hoping to do the Route 103 section of this project, concurrently with the Walker Bridge project traffic diversion. It will be a 4' x 10' box culvert, and we will try to maintain one-way traffic. The tricky piece will be water diversion if it is a wet summer. All work will be required to meet state and federal standards. The project will come to daylight near the existing culvert to an open-stone lined ditch. There will also be a box culvert by the bridge under Meadow Street. Until we get the final engineering, we are still working with the 2012 scoping. The local portion will be about \$272,000 and hopefully the bids will come in less than originally estimated. We will put this out to bid this fall.
- B. Sal Ciufo said there were 3 different options listed.
  - C. Frank Heald said the preferred option is the box culvert to a stone lined ditch. He said the current ditch is constrained. They will remove the concrete and taper it down.
  - D. Frank Ellison said they should do Option A and replace the bank.
  - E. Tony Schroeder said if they do the option being discussed, he will not have any place to put snow.
  - F. Sal Ciufo was concerned about his yard.
  - G. Frank Heald said that we will not know for sure how this will affect their properties until the final engineering is completed.
  - H. Louise Schroeder said she does not have a wall and had to cut down their trees because of the damages.
  - I. Sal Ciufo said they had to replace his wall 3 times and ended up reinforcing it with cables and telephone poles.
  - J. Frank Heald said as soon as he can get an engineer involved, he will get together with all 3 of you.
  - K. Sal Ciufo asked why they had taken soil samples of his property.
  - L. Frank Heald said they had to make sure there were no Indian artifacts. They had to do an archeological survey.
  - M. Sal Ciufo said they all want to be involved as it will directly affect them.
  - N. Frank Heald said that it will go down to the current outlet and the integrity of the box is greater than the steel or cement. They will begin the process as soon as he gets the paperwork back from the state. Then, he will be able to send out an RFQ (Request for Qualifications.) Then he will be able to select a firm and hopefully this will be by early September. He assured them that they will have a say in the matter. They will try to do the alternative that is best for all concerned.
  - O. Sal Ciufo voiced concern that they will lose their driveways.
  - P. Frank Heald said that until the engineering is done, we will not know how deep it will have to be. He reiterated that they will work with the people who will be affected.
  - Q. John Neal said that they will have to hire an engineer and asked if the \$1.1 million is still a good number.
  - R. Frank Heald said if it isn't, they will have to go back to the voters, at town meeting, and ask for more.
  - S. John Neal asked if we would be able to get a number from an engineer, first.
  - T. Frank Heald said no, we have to go by the process. We have to get funding before we can hire an engineer and we will do this based on our original estimates. He noted that we did the scoping 4 years ago.
  - U. John Neal suggested doing another scoping
  - V. Sal Ciufo said if they rake back the water, he will lose his backyard and have a lawsuit against the town. He wants to have input.

- W. Frank Heald said that this board meets once a month and his door is always open. They will take this into consideration. He said they will absolutely be in on the discussions.
- X. Louise Schroeder asked if they will have a say if the town has to take their land.
- Y. Frank Heald said this board prefers not to do it and tries to work with people first, but they can take it by eminent domain.
- Z. John Neal agreed that this board prefers to work with the people and assured her that nobody wants to take her land. He said the board has heard her concerns.
- AA. Brett Sanderson said that state has very specific criteria and how this would be done.
- BB. Sal Ciufu said he has sued the town in the past.
- CC. Frank Heald said it is important to vote on these bonds so that the town can get to work.
- DD. Louise Schroeder asked if the town will send them a letter when discussions start.
- EE. Frank Heald said that everyone who will be affected will be notified when the preliminary surveys are done. He guaranteed that they will be contacted.
- FF. MOTION by Logan Nicoll and seconded by John Neal to close this public informational meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**
- GG. Meeting closed at 7:33 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### 1. **Call to Order**

- A. Brett Sanderson called the regular meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
- B. All members present, except Howard Barton and Bruce Schmidt.

#### 2. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- A. Brett Sanderson advised that the minutes to be approved are from the regular meeting of July 18, 2016 and the special meeting on July 7, 2016.
- B. **MOTION by John Neal and seconded by Logan Nicoll to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of July 18, 2016 and the special meeting of July 7, 2016 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### 3. **Comments from Citizens**

- A. There were none.

#### 4. **Consider Appointment of John Denner, Jr. as Alternate to the Solid Waste District Board of Supervisors**

- A. Frank Heald advised he has a letter of interest date July 25, 2016. Mr. Denner has a background in Solid Waste Management and no local baggage. He is interested in modern solid waste

disposal methods. Frank Heald said that he supports Mr. Denner's appointment. He added that Mr. Denner has already gone to one meeting in Frank Heald's stead/

- B. **MOTION by John Neal and seconded by Logan Nicoll to appoint John Denner, Jr. to the position of Alternate to the Solid Waste District Board of Supervisors. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Consider Support of the Expanded Village Center & Authorize Municipal Manager's Signature**

- A. Frank Heald advised that a map was included in their packets that show the existing and proposed expansion to the Village Center. The expansion includes Pleasant Street and the "old" Benson's building (which is historic.) This designation provides tax credits for renovations and improvements to buildings within the designated area. They want the town and village to sign off on it. The Select Board does not have any financial obligation for this, only their support is needed.
- B. Logan Nicoll advised that the Planning Commission has been working on this for a long time.
- C. **MOTION by Logan Nicoll and seconded by John Neal to support this and authorize the Municipal Manager to sign the application. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. **Department Head Reports**

- A. Brett Sanderson advised that all reports are in.

7. **Other Business**

A. **Buttermilk Falls Road**

- i. Frank Heald noted that there has been an ongoing discussion about Buttermilk Falls Road and there was a lack of support for hard pack. They have decided to do the upper portion with sure pack this year and leave the lower portion as it is. There have been complaints about speed and as a result, they put a counter up there for 2 ½ weeks. There were only a few occasions where people exceeded 40 MPH. It was surprisingly benign and does not justify a cruiser with radar up there. He suggested lowering the speed limit to 25 MPH.
- ii. Brett Sanderson said if there is no enforcement, it won't do much good.
- iii. Frank Heald said if they lower the speed limit, it will slow down the base traffic. They will ticket the outliers if they have a police car up there occasionally.
- iv. Brett Sanderson suggested lowering it to 30 MPH.
- v. Logan Nicoll said he would support 30 MPH.
- vi. Frank Heald said that he would get back to them at the September meeting.

8. **Set Date for Next Meeting**

- A. Brett Sanderson advised that the next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 5, 2016.
- B. Frank Heald noted that that would be Labor Day and that the board had met last year on Labor Day.

9. **Sign Warrant Orders**

- A. Warrant orders have been signed.

10. **Possible Executive Session/Personnel/Contracts/Legal Issues**

- A. Frank Heald advised that an Executive Session is needed.
- B. **MOTION by Logan Nicoll and seconded by John Neal that in accordance with the provisions of 1VSA §313 (1) (B), he moves that the Ludlow Select Board enter into Executive Session to consider;**
- i. **A proposed labor relations agreement with certain Town Employees. The premature public knowledge of this proposed agreement would place the Town and Village of Ludlow at a substantial disadvantage. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Board entered into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.
- D. Board exited Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.
- E. **MOTION by John Neal and seconded by Logan Nicoll to approve the new union contract for the Police Department. Motion passed unanimously.**

11. **Adjourn**

- A. **MOTION by John Neal and seconded by Logan Nicoll to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Howard Barton, Jr., Chairman

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Brett Sanderson

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John Neal

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Bruce Schmidt

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Logan Nicoll