

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

Present:

Selectboard Members: Mike Dunham, Nat Kinney, Doug Molde, Kyle Nuse, Eric Osgood

Others: Brian Story (Manager), Rosemary Audibert (Clerk), Duncan Hastings

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:23.

2. Additions, Changes to Agenda

It was agreed to have the executive session last and to add potential appointment of a representative to the LCPC board.

3. Review of ANR Tactical Basin Plan Update

Brian said ANR is updating the Tactical Basin Plan, which will affect the types of projects they help fund for the next few years in Lamoille County. Most of the funds will be for things the state does and won't be available to municipalities. The town doesn't have a water or sewer department so we are unlikely to have anything related to this. But ANR indicated they could be interested in doing some erosion control work on our roads that was identified by LCPC. That is already in the basin plan so it doesn't need to be added. ANR is asking us to review their list of planned projects and see if any of it duplicates anything that is already happening or if there is anything else we want them to do.

Doug said he thinks we should ask them about monitoring in the Lamoille. He is interested in monitoring bugs and temperature. He doesn't think temperature monitoring is necessary in the small brooks, but the main stem gets warm. He said he thinks we should ask them to look at the issue of erosion from Class IV roads into nearby streams. He also suggested putting in something related to the Scribner Bridge. This is a tool to buttress grant applications.

Doug said he talked to Danielle at ANR, who told him that if we wanted to fund studying storm drains or storm drain improvements that would be something that could be put in the plan. We aren't the village, but that might be something to throw in. Eric asked if this will go before the village. Brian said it will; he discussed it with Meredith.

Duncan said from what he learned serving on the VLCT committee there will be a fairly significant amount of funding. Much of the water quality funding won't be available to municipalities. Most will go to VTrans and VTrans-related programs. There may be some funding for special projects like the Scribner Bridge, which we already have an engineered plan for. Funding for things like that is probably a couple of years down the road. Most funding will come through VTrans and Better Back Roads. Duncan said he got an email from someone at ANR asking if the town had an immediate interest in implementing the Scribner Bridge plan. He said we would be interested if we had money for it. So they are aware of that as a potential project.

Brian said he will make a few more suggestions of things we'd like to see them study. They may get added to the plan and if they do then may get to be action items. If we decide to do something about water quality, the funding would be there for us to do some of the programs.

4. *Potential Appointment of LCPC Representative*

Brian read a letter from Duncan expressing his interest in being the LCPC representative for the Town of Johnson.

Mike moved to appoint Duncan Hastings as the Lamoille County Planning Commission representative for the Town of Johnson, Doug seconded and the motion was passed.

5. *Executive Session to Review Privileged Information from the Town Attorney*

Mike moved to go into executive session to discuss confidential information provided by the town attorney related to potential civil litigation, premature public disclosure of which would put the town as a substantial disadvantage, inviting Rosemary, Duncan, and Brian to remain, Kyle seconded, the motion was passed and the board entered executive session at 7:45. The board came out of executive session at 9:07.

6. *Adjourn*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths