

Minutes
Williamsburg Board of Selectmen
November 23, 2021

The members of the Board of Selectmen met in special session on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at the town office. The chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Present: David Mathers, Denise Banister and William Sayre

Also present: Nick Caccamo (Town Administrator), Brenda Lessard (Town Clerk, Water/Sewer, ZBA), Shelby Macri (reporter, Country Journal), Robert Ross, Eleanor Warnock (Administrative Assistant)

1. Licenses – Class II Used Car Dealer – Robert Ross, Ross Bros. – **Motion** was made and seconded (DB/WS) to approve the Used Car Dealer’s license for Robert Ross, d/b/a Ross Bros, contingent on filing the Special Permit Addendum with the Registry of Deeds. **So voted** (3-0). The Town Clerk can hold the license until the Registry receipt is filed with her. Mr. Ross thanked the Board for its extra consideration.

2. Water/Sewer – MassDEP consent order – Brenda Lessard reported for the Water/Sewer Commission. There was a survey by the Department of Environmental Protection that cited the staffing plan. When former Water/Sewer Commissioner Bill Turner, who had all the proper licenses, passed away, suddenly the Commission did not have the necessary licenses. The Commission hired Tony Lastowski from Hatfield, who has the required D2 license, to oversee the water operations and to train Bryan Osetek, who is operator-in-training for the D1 and T1 licenses. Tony has not spent the required two hours a day, seven days a week. The DEP knew that it was hard to find water operators, especially to find one to do two hours a day, and had been willing to work with the town until now. Tony will be here more often and is working with the DEP on staffing plan that will satisfy them. Brenda added that there have been issues in the past but they have come to Water/Sewer and not to the Select Board and not with a fine. The fine will be waived if there is compliance. **Motion** was made and seconded (WS/DB) to sign the MassDEP consent order with respect to water staffing. **So voted** (3-0).

3. MassDOT report – Town Administrator Nick Caccamo had a meeting with Francisca Heming, District 1 director, about MassDOT projects in Williamsburg.

Bridges in Williamsburg – The two bridges by the blacksmith and the pharmacy – The integrity of the one by the pharmacy was questioned; it will have a different traffic pattern for the winter and will be revisited in the spring or summer.

Mountain Street – There is no new information, MassDOT will continue to revise the plan going into the 50% design hearing. The project is not programmed for funding.

Bridge Street and South Main Street – MassDOT anticipates 25% design very soon. The town will have to engage in a substantial easement process, especially along South Main Street – assessment of each parcel and fair market value for the easement – and the town is responsible for those costs. There are 20-30 properties, and it may cost \$1-2,000 property. It is eligible for Chapter 90 funds. KP Law will work with the town. After 25% design, the town will have to

move quickly, and will have to appropriate money at the June Town Meeting to pay for the assessments and easements. Construction to start in summer 2023.

Mill River Greenway extension – Some initial work on Route 9, where they were doing the boring samples. Project is still some years down the road.

4. Minutes – **Motion** was made and seconded (WS/DB) to approve the minutes of November 4.
So voted (3-0)

Documents used

Class II Used Car Dealer's License

MassDEP Consent order

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Adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Approved:

Clerk