

TOWN of BRIDPORT
Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 26, 2019
Town Office



PRESENT: Joan Huestis (Chair), David Bronson, Tim Howlett

Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Dusty Huestis (DPW), Ashley Bishop (VTRANS District 5), Mike Winslow (Addison County Regional Planning), Representative Harvey Smith (Addison County District 5), Les Foshay, Jenny Foshay and Ernie Audet

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chair, Joan Huestis.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Old Business:

Rattlin Bridge Road Culvert: The purpose of this meeting was to meet with Harvey Smith, VTRANS and Addison County Regional Planning about the closure of Rattlin Bridge Road and the request for a temporary bridge. The Town has sent a letter to Ashley Bishop requesting a temporary bridge that the Town would rent from the State. Ashley has sent our request along to the Agency of Transportation Maintenance Bureau. There is a possibility that the request will be denied because the detour is not a significant enough detour. Les & Jenny Foshay spoke about how much this will affect their Wedding Business as they estimate that 3000 cars attend their venue each year. It has already impacted their Alpaca business as well as their Air B&B business. Les is also concerned about the length of time it would take emergency responders to reach anyone on Rattlin Bridge Road. Ernie Audet spoke how much this detour will affect his business. Joan Huestis spoke for the Town concerning the additional amount of traffic there will be on less stable roads and how much maintaining those roads would cost the Town. After much discussion on how big a project this will be, Ashley suggested that the Town send in more documentation that includes how much it will cost local businesses if a bridge request is denied. Les, Jenny and Ernie agreed to write letters which include the cost to their businesses and Joan will write a letter on behalf of the Town. Joan will be the contact person with Ashley and send Ashley all the documentation that is collected.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm and moved to the site for a visit.

Respectfully Submitted,