

A Special Emergency Meeting was conducted virtually on February 18,2021.

Attendees:

Dana Hogan, Supervisor
Rick Doyle, Councilman
Bill Haessly, Councilman
Dan Washburn, Councilman
Jane Havens, Councilwoman
Mike Graham, Highway Superintendent
Todd Humiston, Enforcement Officer
Jeff Meyer, Town Attorney
2 unidentified callers

Meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

Pledge of allegiance by Councilman Doyle.

Agenda Item. General summary of the offer being extended by Galusha related to removal and haul away of trees at the new Walgreen's location, adjacent to the Court overflow parking lot was provided by Mike Graham.

Councilwoman Jane Havens provided input related to handling of trees once downed. Suggested we allow wood to be cut to a manner that would allow residents to utilize resources for firewood on a first come first serve basis for town residents, provided they sign a waiver to go onto town property to acquire wood. Ms. Havens provided examples from Queensbury, State of New York, Etc.

Supervisor Hogan asked Attorney Meyer to weigh in on the concerns he's expressed about offering to give away town resources on a first come first served basis, or other arrangement. He has recommended against doing so, suggesting we either accept the offer from Galusha or decline.

Mr. Haessly communicated a suggestion that we get bids to remove the trees from three different companies and handle it that way.

Mr. Washburn communicated that the zero cost of the tree removal and haul away are likely factored into Galusha having the opportunity to use the trees as they see fit thereafter.

Mr. Doyle had communicated his experience with matters like this in the past, and that is frustrating as it may be, in that he would like to provide resources to people in our community, the easiest and cleanest way to handle this is to have Galusha take down the tree, haul them away and let that be the end of it. Mr. Doyle then made a **motion** to move forward with this course action, including backfilling the holes and Galusha agreeing to hold the town harmless during the course of the work. Seconded by Mr. Haessly.

Motion passed
Doyle - Yes
Haessly - Yes
Washburn - Yes
Havens - Abstain
Hogan - Yes

There was no public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

Minutes written by Supervisor Hogan and submitted by Town Clerk Cynthia Bardin.