

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Mike Worth, Jim Cross, Bill Hawkins, Tom Daniels, Ira Daniels, Mark Castonguay, Joe Arborio, Ray Fontaine, Joel Cope, and Teresa Potwin.

Chairperson, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment: Ira Daniels was present to discuss a complaint about the condition of headstones and markers on a lot. The board wanted clarification on who was responsible for the upkeep of the headstones and markers. Mr. Daniels explained that this was not the responsibility of the cemetery commissioners; but that of the families. The board will follow up with the family member to let them know it is their responsibility.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the May 6 and May 19 meetings. A motion was made by Jim Cross to accept the minutes as printed. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Health officer's report: Joe Arborio was present to report on a notice of intent to seek a health order regarding the Durocher Estate, located on Derby Street for the following reasons: The two-story house within 10 feet of the state highway has a collapsed rear wall thus weakening the entire structure; this making it a potential hazard and public safety issue to danger of fire, open to trespassers, vagrants and children; also the open access is a site to potentially harbor wildlife and vermin. Mr. Arborio has stated that he has been in touch with the owners of the property and informed them that the property needs to be inspected by a qualified structural engineer; and the findings need to be sent to the town or the town will seek a warrant to do so; all at the owner's expense, and in a timely fashion.

Mike Worth informed Mr. Arborio of a complaint he received about household garbage on Curran Avenue. Mr. Arborio will look into this and report his findings.

Melinda stated she received a complaint on the recycle center being a mess. The board spoke with the attendant about being more conscientious about the cleanliness.

Cemetery operations: Done under public comment.

Buildings and maintenance: In order to receive the USDA grant for the fire department for equipment purchases an accessibility evaluation needs to be done. The board agreed to hire Vermont Accessible Environments to do this. This was the company that did the evaluation for the town hall and wrote up a list of issues that needed to be addressed to have the building in compliance with ADA standards. Ray and Joel will get together and write up a schedule and a budget to start fixing these issues.

Ray fixed the walking path where the water had washed out parts of it.

Buildings and maintenance (cont.): Melinda asked Ray if he could put a coat of polyurethane on the sign at Community National Bank.

Roads: Joel showed the board a “pent” road request that he received. This is a request to put an unlocked gate across a portion of a public road. The board agreed this was fine with them as long as the requestor checks with the surrounding neighbors and has written permission from each of them.

Joel informed the board that he has contacted Aldrich and Elliott for an estimate on designing the storm water drainage project in the park. What would need to be done next would be a letter of commitment from the town that we would do the project if we got the grant money. A motion was made by Mike Worth to authorize Joel to sign the letter of commitment. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Jim Cross received a complaint on Mose Wood Road about the culvert not being deep enough and also the crowning of the road. Mark will look into this.

The board needs to review the class 4 road policy and decide if it may need changes. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux to replace the “Welcome to Island Pond” sign on the East Brighton Road at a cost of \$600.00. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Melinda brought to Mark’s attention that she had been approached about the washout on The Head of the Pond Road. Mark has been in contact with Christine Emmons about coming out and looking at the area and do an evaluation on the best way to resolve this issue.

Personnel: Joel showed the board the revised version of the drug and alcohol policy. A motion was made by Mike Worth to adopt the new version of the drug and alcohol policy. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Lister vacancy: The Lister vacancy still remains.

Park activities: The board has decided to meet with the chamber to discuss concerns they have about Friday Night Live. Also to discuss security issues for this event.

Jeanne Gervais and Carol Leclerc would like to make the flower area in the gazebo park a more permanent fixture by building a stone wall. Melinda asked if this could be paid for with the grant money. Joel informed Melinda they needed to get quotes and give them to Joel to submit.

Joel will contact Vermont Tennis Courts to see when they will come back to finish the courts.

Audit: A motion was made by Jim Cross to hire Gene Besaw’s office for our CPA Audit. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Island appraisal agreement: A motion was made by Mike Worth to authorize Joel to sign the Island Appraisal Agreement. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay orders: The board signed the pay orders from the May 19, 2014 meeting: The road pay order was in the amount of \$8,334.46 and the general pay order in the amount of \$18,361.87.

Other business: Joel gave each member of the board a copy of a letter sent to each from New Hampshire on them supporting the railroad passenger train project.

Joel informed the board that Bill Manning would like to open a farmer's market on Friday afternoon and stay into the beginning of Friday Night Live as long as this is not a burden for the vendors. The board was ok with this.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife told Joel that in a couple of weeks the geese will be molting and cannot fly. In order to re-locate the geese; they of course, need to locate them; so part of the fence needs to be taken down so they will go onto the beach. The board has decided to take down a portion of the fence.

The board discussed the possibility of having a truck from the Waste Management District present to take old tires at a cost of \$3.00 per tire.

Joel informed the board that the beginning stages of Pierre Dupuis opening a brush dump have been discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.