

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 15, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Mike Worth, Charles and Linda Roth, Bill Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope and Teresa Potwin. Marty Frizzell and Paul Lefebvre, from The Chronicle, joined the meeting at a later time.

Chairperson, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Public comment: Charles and Linda Roth were present to discuss with the board that over the winter, someone was buried in their cemetery plot by mistake. The board will contact the cemetery commissioner and get this taken care of immediately.

Mr. Roth also brought before the board that he would like stone to be placed in the ditch that was dug on Mose Wood Road; or for the road crew to come up with another solution to break the force of the water flow that goes through his property. Mark and Mike will look at this and come up with a solution.

Set tax rate: A motion was made by Mike Worth to set the 2014 tax rate at \$1.9263 for the residential rate and \$2.0601 for the Non-residential rate. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Map restoration: A motion was made by Mike Worth to restore three of the old maps using the \$500.00 in our budget and have the board chair sign the agreement. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Kingdom Games Inc. Letter: A motion was made by Mike Worth to have the board chair sign the letter of formal approval to hold a 4-mile swim around the Island to the state beach and back to be held on August 10, 2014 starting at the boat launch area. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Memo from Public Service Board: Joel showed the board a memo from PSB on the revisions to 248a(c) (2); and how the PSB would like to know if the board would like to comment on these revisions. Joel will get more information on this and follow up with the board.

Map from engineer on Dollar General: Joel informed the board that the Dollar General is interested in purchasing the Bonville lot as well as the Brighton Motor Sports lot; and wanted to know if this would be considered one lot instead of two. The zoning administrator does have the right and ability to deem this one lot, upon application by Dollar General for a zoning permit.

Another issue is the drainage on Alder Street. The board would like Joel to see if a meeting can be arranged between the engineer for Dollar General and the town road and water departments to look at drainage issues.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Worth to accept the minutes as printed. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Building and maintenance: Joel gave the board a fuel pricing update. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Mike Worth to donate the air-conditioner that used to be in the town clerk's office to the VFW for their yard sale. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel informed the board that the new owners of Ames Electric (Round Hill Fence and Security) had contacted him and asked if the town still wanted to pursue the depot electric panel issue. Joel will get a quote from them and is still waiting on a quote from Simplex before taking action.

Joel informed the board the elevator is broken again. Because it seems to be getting no power, the board would like to have an electrician look at this first to see if the problem lies outside of the elevator itself before having it looked at by the elevator company at greater expense.

Roads: The class 4 road policy was tabled until all board members were present.

Joel showed the board a copy of the Christ Church Plans and went over them with the board.

Joel will contact the town attorney to draw up a simple agreement to have the property owner's and the town sign on the Railroad Street drainage project.

Personnel: The board will go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss this.

Better Back Roads Grant agreement: A motion was made by Mike Worth to authorize the board chair to sign the grant agreement. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Incident command system training: The Local Emergency Operations Plan requires the board chair to receive incident command system training. Joel called Rick Hannux to see how we need to proceed with this, and is waiting for a reply.

Re-designate public places for agendas and warnings: A motion was made by Mike Worth to designate the town clerk's office, post office bulletin board, and railroad depot bulletin board as places for agendas and warnings to be posted. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Act 250 impact questionnaire: A motion was made by Mike Worth to have the board chair sign the act 250 impact questionnaire for Sweet Tree Holdings, LLC. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Budget Report: The board reviewed the budget report.

Unlicensed dogs: The town clerk will get the board a list of unlicensed dogs and also give a copy to police Chief Noyes.

Pay orders: The board signed the road pay order for \$17,637.14 and the general pay order for \$20,235.14.

The Island: Done in executive session.

Other business: Dana Jacobs has talked with the owners of the fishing shanty and this has been settled.

The Perry lawsuit has been filed with VLCT.

The board would like Joel to contact the state to see if they would hold a brief meeting to explain the shore land zoning bylaws.

On July 28, 2014 there will be a candidate forum.

The board would like a quote for tree removal on the Five Mile Square Road.

Joel gave the board a letter from Alan Hodgdon on the county budget.

At this time the board moved to go into executive session to discuss the evaluation of a public employee, and to discuss the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase options, in this case the Island, in accordance with Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 1, Section 313 (a) (2) and (3). The board has been informed verbally of the results of the real estate appraisal of the island, which appraisal the town did not pay for and does not have a copy of at this time. The seller has the island for public sale at close to two million dollars, while the town assessed value for taxation purposes in only \$469,000.00.

The board moved to leave executive session. The board wishes to wait until the seller has had a chance to review the appraisal, and wants to know what other funding from other sources might be available should the Select board decide to put the question of acquiring the Island to the voters.

The board requested that review of time sheets be on the agenda for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.