

## **Brighton Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

**October 20, 2014**

Minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting of the Brighton Selectboard, held at 6:00 PM in the town hall in Island Pond, VT. Attending were Mike Worth, James Cross, Mark Castonguay, Bill Hawkins, Sarah Damsell, Jenn Hanlon, Joel Cope.

1. Mike Worth called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. The board approved the minutes of August 13, September 2, 8 & 16.
3. Sarah Damsell from Essex County Natural Resources Conservation Services of the USDA informed the board that a representative of the Agency of Natural Resources had come to town to look at the Lakeshore Planting project and awarded a "Lake Wise Award" to the town for the effort. This is an award that is not frequently handed out and indicates an exemplary project to enhance the lake environment.

While the ANR representative was in town, Sarah and Joel showed her the gully that is developing in the pavilion park from rainwater draining from the park area. The ANR representative suggested that a rain garden could be planted near the lakeshore in that area that would intercept the runoff and prevent further erosion, as well as be an attractive addition to the park.

Sarah is also working with the town to apply for an Ecosystem Restoration Grant that will design so-called bio-retention areas to help mitigate the effects of our stormwater draining into the lake. A condition of the grant is that once designs have been completed, the town will commit to making the improvements, which are also eligible for grants. The board approved signing the letter of commitment. A small cash match of \$1,000 will also be required, and was approved.

4. Mark and Joel will work on addressing the safety items listed by the insurer for the town garage.
5. Joel reported that Brad Charron from the Dept. of Public Safety had visited to look at the depot second floor usage issues. Brad's report states that only one tenant is allowed due to a lack of a fire escape, which is impossible to install due to all the windows. There are some improvements that have to be made if even one

tenant remains. Joel will look into cost estimates for the necessary work to be done at the depot to satisfy public safety codes.

6. Joel handed out copies of the ADA evaluation of the fire station. This report was required for the \$33,100 grant from the USDA for the fire turnout gear.

7. The letter of agreement to Efficiency Vermont has been sent regarding changing streetlights over to LED's to save money.

8. The board reviews time sheets.\

9. Jenn Hanlon updated the board on improvements to the E911 addressing system that have been made by the Listers. This work will continue with the aim of getting some uniformity in the Grand List addresses and E911 addresses. Jenn also urged the board to promote address numbering on properties through the zoning process. The board also pre-approved some road names on several roads that now have three numbered properties on them, and therefore require a street name. The roads names that were pre-approved, pending a check with the residents are Maroney Road, Halpern Road and Lydia Lane. The board also agreed to keep Route 105 to Charleston named Charleston Road.

10. Joel reported that the Rail Action network meeting is coming up in St. Albans, and that Francois Rebello of the Train Hotel project has purchasdd a seat at the table of directors for the event for \$2,500. He would like a representative from the town to attend, and hopes the town is able to contribute \$250 for the event registration. The board approved the money pending a match from the Chamber of Commerce.

11. The board approved placing a "Planet Aid" Textile Container at the recycling center to provide a place for residents to get rid of old textiles, shoes and clothing items.

12. The board approved signing the Education Funding Resolution that calls for a cap on the statewide property tax rate.

13. Cemetery issue: nothing new to report.

14. Unlicensed dogs: tabled

15. The Island: nothing new to report.

16. The board approved pay orders.

17. The board adjourned the meeting at 8:00.