

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, James Cross, Bill Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Ray Fontaine, Terry Blake, Roland Barney, Marshall Frizzell, Charles and Linda Roth, Joel Cope, Ed Barber from the Newport Daily Express, and Teresa Potwin.

Chairperson, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

Update agenda: Joel gave the board the updates to the agenda, which include Charles Roth, Road names for E-911 and considering applying for hazard mitigation grant.

Public comment: Charles Roth was present to ask the board if something could be done about plowing on Moise Woods Road. When the road is plowed, it is widened, which causes all of the gravel and debris to collect on Mr. Roth's property, also the corner of his barn has been hit. The board told Mr. Roth that the town would pay to fix the corner of his barn, and Mark will talk to his crew about not widening the road when they plow. The barn will be fixed in the Spring. Mr. Roth was ok with this.

At this time, the cemetery issue was brought up, and the board asked Mr. Roth what he wished to be done to settle this issue. Mr. Roth explained that he wanted the body to be disinterred and wishes to be present when this happens. Joel explained the process and the time schedule in which this will take, which will take us into the early Spring. Mr. Roth told the board that he would be returning at the end of April from Florida, so this is the schedule that we will work with. Mr. Roth also stated that once all the issues are worked out, and the release is finalized that he would be willing to sign this. Joel will contact the town lawyer and get this process started.

Water/Sewer Board: At this time, the board moved this item up on the agenda. The water/sewer board was present to discuss Alder Street. The infrastructure from Mike Testut's house heading towards Railroad Street has to be replaced, and the water/sewer board was present to discuss scheduling street paving to coincide with this project, so that the water/sewer department does not have to incur the total costs of re-paving after the work is completed, especially when the town already budgets paving our streets every year. The board told the water/sewer commissioners that they would consider this option. Each board will make a list of projects by priority and try to match them up. This will be discussed more as time goes on. Estimates will have to be looked into, as well as shaping the street. Joel will look into grants that may be available and discuss this with the board at a later date.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Jim Cross to accept the minutes as printed. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel updated the board on the VLCT PACIF survey recommendations. The water plant and Ray have finished their projects. Joel will continue to update VLCT on the progress of these projects.

Mountain View Security has looked over the alarm system at the train depot and will submit an estimate on bringing the system into compliance with code so that second floor tenants would be able to remain in the building. An estimate is also being sought by the current alarm system manager. The Fire Safety Department has agreed to allow two tenants on the second floor if the current system is inspected and fully functional.

Roads: Joel informed the board that the next step in the Better Back Roads grant process would be to upgrade our driveway access policy to require that a driveway permit be a requirement before a zoning permit is issued. Joel will draft up a policy and give it to the board to look over before they adopt the policy and apply for the grant in the spring.

Joel informed the board that up to 528 ft. of the Cottage Road is Class 3 and is the town's responsibility to take care of. Mark will make sure that the road crew is taking care of this much of the road.

Joel informed the board of a training opportunity for the road crew. Joel will sign Mark and Jerry up to go to this training.

Personnel: The board reviewed employee time sheets.

Efficiency Vermont agreement for streetlights: Joel will look into when the streetlights will fully depreciate, before the board signs the agreement. If we sign the agreement before the street lights depreciate, we would be responsible for about \$9,000.00 in costs, which would eventually pay for itself, but the town would have to come up with the initial costs.

Train Hotel update: Joel updated the board on the progress of the train hotel project. The town may apply for grants from the USDA to do feasibility and marketing studies.

NEKTTA grant: Joel informed the board that Gloria Bruce has received a USDA grant for NEKTTA to develop destination tourism in the NEK.

The Island: Nothing new to report.

Unlicensed dogs: Nothing new to report.

Budget report: The board reviewed the budget.

Budget 2015: Tabled.

Other business: Joel informed the board that the Kingdom Heritage Lands management plan has been released.

Joel showed the board the Town of Brighton's portion of the NEK Chamber's webpage.

Joel showed the board two Thank You letters for the town's appropriations.

Joel explained the hazard mitigation plan process to the board and would like to know if the board wishes to pursue this. The board is interested in developing a plan.

A motion was made by Jim Cross to approve the following road name changes to Sweet Tree Lane, which is currently Ethan Allen Drive and changing the Arborio sub-development road off Arthur John Road to Victory Mountain Road. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.