

SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 6, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Bill Cobb, Mark Castonguay, Bill Hawkins, Dave Lamoureux, Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

Chairperson, Doug Niles, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Update Agenda:** Doug Niles added Chuck Roth's road issues; a request for a clothing drop off space; a request to run electric line under a town road; nuisance bears.

**Public Comment:** None

**Bill Cobb, Faith in Action, on Food Shelf dates:** Bill Cobb shared a hand out with the board that provided information on what "Faith in Action" is all about. This program takes 1000's of pounds of food to people in need. This food shelf is scheduled to come to Island Pond on July 19th, October 11th and December 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. Mr. Cobb requested approval from the selectboard to use the fire station parking lot area on July 19th to distribute the food. The select board would like for Jeff Noyes to be there during this time. Jim Cross made a motion to approve the food shelf being held at the fire station. Jonathan seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

**Dave Lamoureux request:** Dave Lamoureux requested permission from the selectboard members to put a pipe under Lakeshore Drive to draw power from across the street. He spoke with Vermont Electric and they said that it was up to the landowner to get the pipe under the road. Doug said that he needs to use a contractor with proof of insurance in case any damage should occur. Mark Castonguay, road foreman, had no objections. Jim Cross made a motion to allow Dave and Melinda Lamoureux to put the pipe under the road. Jon seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

**Chuck Roth issues:** Chuck Roth asked Doug Niles to discuss several matters of his concern with the selectboard. About a year ago the Town's plow truck damaged the corner board of his barn. The Town had agreed that the road crew would

repair it but it still has not been done. Doug asked Mark to take care of the matter as soon as possible.

Chuck would also like the road crew to spread a little chloride on his road when they are up that way spreading chloride on other roads. Mark said that he could do this.

Chuck had asked Doug about why the road crew ditched in front of his barn the way that they did. Mark Castonguay said that it was ditched to allow water to drain and to avoid the formation of pot holes. He said that they were well within the Town's right of way.

There was some discussion on how water may be able to be diverted into a swale that is located above Chuck's residence.

Doug also shared that Chuck pointed out that the right side of the road up the hill from Chuck's residence has gotten wider and Chuck would prefer that they widen over on the other side instead.

**Bear Nuisance:** Jonathan O'Keefe said that a bear went right into Lisa Guay's kitchen. A lot of bears have been sighted in the Mountain Street area of Town. A mother bear with two cubs were also seen on Curran Ave. Joel said that Chief Noyes has alerted the game warden, and that people should avoid putting garbage cans outside overnight.

**Clothing Drop Off Request:** Erin Hill spoke with Doug about using Town Space for a clothing donation/exchange location. The board agreed that more information was needed. Doug will ask Erin to come to a selectboard meeting to discuss the matter further.

**Buildings & Maintenance:** Reno Gervais will be fixing the boat ramp tomorrow. (July 7<sup>th</sup>).

Doug had a request from people in Barre who would like to see the Town buy a ramp and sell boat slips so that they could dock their boat. The board did not express interest in pursuing this request, and Joel suggested referring them to the Lakeshore Association.

**Generator:** The new generator is being housed at the old Town Garage. We need a building for it but first we need to have a licensed electrician look at it and tell us what needs to be done in order to meet the requirements of the Department of Public Safety. The electrician should know how to get the permit. Jonathan said that he would call Jason Belknap about this matter.

Joel said we have received the permit from DPS to remove the stage, but that the permit states we need a licensed electrician for all electric work. There are wires underneath the stage. Ray Fontaine will be contacting Gates Electric.

Tennis Courts: Joel said that Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing would not be able to resurface the basketball court, or do crack repair on the tennis courts until August, so the board might want to consider waiting until May to do this. Jonathan made a motion to have the tennis and basketball courts work done in May. It was decided that for now Ray can just clean the grass out of the cracks and fill in the seams. Jim Cross seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Joel said that there was a grant that will pay half of the cost of a new backboard for the basketball court. The board reasoned that Ray Fontaine could build a backboard cheaper. Jonathan made a motion to put a backboard up 12'X8' high and to have Ray build it. Jim Cross seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Fire Danger Meter: No news

Brush Dump: Bill Hawkins says the pile is overfull. In order to burn it, it will have to be done in small piles. Bill asked that the road crew go up to keep feeding the small pile. Right now is too dry to burn. They will need to check in with Walt Driscoll before starting a fire.

### **Roads:**

Better Backroads Grant: The Town was awarded a grant of \$20,000 for a project on TH Head of the Pond Road. This includes Culvert – upgrade, ditching and Culvert. We were also awarded a grant of \$4,600 for a project on TH 5 Arthur John & Head of Pond Rd that includes Culvert- Upgrade, Ditch - repair, Stone Lined Ditch. We will be putting in all 48" culverts. Dave Antone will administer the project and Mark will work with him. Mark will inform the local contractors about the scope of the work to be done so that they all have an opportunity to bid on the job.

**Personnel:** Tabled

**E911 Policy:** Tabled

**Kingdom Swim Events August 14:** Phil White, director of Kingdom Games, had a written request for the Town's approval for them to hold a four-mile swim on Island Pond on August 14, 2016. They would be using the Town Dock area. Doug

said that each swimmer should have a boat look out person. Jonathan agreed to the request as long as the Town is not liable for injuries. Jim Cross made a motion to approve the four-mile swim. The Selectboard then signed the written request.

**USDA grants:** Joel asked the board to give him authority to sign USDA Grants. Jim made a motion to give Joel authority to sign the grants. Jon seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

**Lakeshore Association:** The Lakeshore Association wants to use the Pavilion on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The board had no objections to this.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:** The board reviewed the minutes from 6/15/16 and Special Meeting Minutes from 6/28/2016. Jim Cross made a motion to accept the minutes and Jonathan O'Keefe seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

**Other Business:** Joel informed the board that Beverly Pepin left a petition in the Town Clerk's Office for the purpose of renaming Vermont Bridge #87 at VT 105 after Tyler Gordon Pepin.

There was discussion on replacing a chain link fence at the top of the bridge area and on fixing the tennis court fence.

**Adjourn:** Jim Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan O'Keefe seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

7:25 PM