

Selectboard Meeting Minutes June 21, 2017

Present: Doug Niles, Jonathan O'Keefe, Bill Hawkins, Reno Gervais, Barb Nolan, Craig Nolan, Michael Strait, Ray Fontaine, Mark Castonguay, Jodi Worth, Jeff Noyes, Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

Chairperson, Doug Niles, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Update Agenda: Lakeshore Association request to use pavilion; Aquatic Nuisance Control; Vermont Outdoor Recreation Grant; and Pond Plantings

Public Comment: Jodi Worth said that she had tried to research the history of who owns the Tower Clock on the Episcopal Church and she could not find clear documentation of ownership. The clock is not working at this time and the church cannot afford to restore it. She shared a handout that showed estimates with a cost of up to \$12,000 to restore or replace the clock. Jodi pointed out that it would be nice to see it working again as part of the revitalization project of our town. Doug thanked her for the information and indicated that at this time the town cannot help with the expense of the clock, but may revisit the matter at another time.

Barb Nolan spoke about the UTG Fire Contract with Brighton. Barb had negotiated terms of a contract with Walt Driscoll. Part of their agreement was that UTG would not be charged the 3% increase every year because their budget cannot afford that. She was upset to receive an email from Joel Cope asking for the 3% increase. Joel was unaware of the agreement that was made through Walt Driscoll. Doug Niles will be talking to Walt Driscoll to confirm the agreement made with UTG. The board determined that they will honor the verbal agreement that Walter Driscoll made even though the proper avenue would have been through the Selectboard and UTG. Doug said that we will get back to them before the end of June.

The Lakeshore Association would like to use the pavilion on July 8th. Jonathan made a motion to allow the Lakeshore Association to set up under the pavilion on July 8th. Doug seconds. All in favor.

The Vermont Outdoor Recreation Department would like to use the pavilion or gym on July 22nd. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to allow the Recreation Department to use the pavilion or gym on July 22nd. Doug seconds. All in favor.

Due to illness, George Wilcox was unable to get the paperwork filed in time for the Aquatic Nuisance Program. Therefore, there are no funds available for this program. Jonathan made a motion to give \$3000 to the Aquatic Nuisance Program to help protect our lake from the possible spread of milfoil. Doug Niles seconds. All in favor.

Doug shared concerns about our new pond plantings. He suggested that we put up a fence to help deter people from disturbing the new plantings. Doug suggested a cedar split rail fence and Reno Gervais suggested a metal fence. Doug wants to get quotes on both options.

Doug stated that the hydro seeding did not go as agreed. Heather Robinson had indicated that during the training for the hydro seeder they would use a certain area for demonstration and learning and that area would be of no charge to do. The operator of the hydro seeder did not do the area as was agreed. They will be contacting Heather to discuss this matter of not holding up to their agreement.

Ray Fontaine said that Don Berthume will seed that area for about \$350. The board agreed that that was a good price and gave the go ahead to hire him for this job. Joel will be emailing Don to set this up.

Mark Castonguay said that his storage building is full of seed for all of the Towns who share the hydro seeder. He can't start putting his sand in until it is moved.

Governor Scott supports the idea of putting more money toward recreation. Joel said that though there are no known grants at this time, he will be writing a letter of support of this idea in hopes of getting future funds for recreation.

Buildings and Maintenance: Joel says that there is a grant that we can probably get for a portable stage which will cover about 50% of the cost and Jim Cross had already informed the board that the Island Pond Relief Fund has \$2000 to donate toward the cost of the stage.

Platform Lift: The Town already had \$20,000 set aside to put toward a platform lift or elevator and we also budgeted for an additional \$20,000 this year. Chad

Dewyea checked out our lift today and said that he can sell us a second hand one that is hydraulic with power doors. The money that we budgeted would more than cover the cost. Joel still needs to find out if this new lift would be considered ADA compliant before we make a decision.

The gutters have been put on the Town Hall Building.

Roads: Someone is interested in buying our old town tractor. We will be selling it at the end of summer.

The fire department has made a request for Mark to ditch in front of the fire department. Mark said the drainage is not working. He will try to fix it.

Doug asked Jeff Noyes to keep an eye out for the Canadian trucker that is noted for speeding through town and to issue him a ticket. Jeff said he will keep a watch for this.

Jeff said that his new truck is working out good. He wants to move the old cruiser out of the fire station. Until it is decided what to do with the car, he will be parking it out back of the town garage.

Road Grant Program: Joel said there is a new pilot project offered to Brighton that will provide funding for our municipal roads. We can get a grant for \$5800 of which we would be responsible for \$1160. This would take care of the last culvert that we need to do up on the Head of the Pond Road. Joel will need to write a letter of intent by July 5th. He said there is a class in Derby regarding this that he and Mark should attend.

Doug talked about the chain link fence and guard rail at the top of the bridge. It needs to be replaced. He offered to do the work in trade for the old fencing. Mark needs to let Doug know where we get the guard rail from.

James Castrogiovanni has offered to keep the ball field mowed as a way of doing his community service. The board was in favor of this.

Ray will be starting the work on the bank by the Railroad bed and using the two local town boys to help him.

Better Connections Grant: We need to start the process of hiring a consultant. This will involve interviews and a scoring process that representatives from the

Town of Brighton, the Regional Planning Commission NVDA, VTrans and ACCD will be a part of. Doug would also like to invite the Recreation Group, Island Pond Renewal Committee, the Planning Commission, the ATV Club and anyone else that may be interested. It was decided that the meeting will be set up for Thursday the 29th of June, from 5-7 P.M. (backup date of Wednesday the 28th of June).

Outdoor Consumption Permit for Essex Hotel: Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to allow Teresa Debonville to sign the Outdoor Consumption Permit for the Essex Hotel. Doug Niles seconds. All in favor.

Pay Orders: Pay orders were reviewed and signed.

Approve Minutes of the previous meeting: The Minutes of June 7, 2017 were reviewed. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Doug Niles. All in favor. So carried.

Other Business: Doug Niles announced that while he will still be active as the chairperson at this time, he will not be running for re-election in March.

Bill Hawkins said that he needs to put up the sound system and the speakers are too heavy for him to lift by himself. Ray, Reno and Doug all said they would help him whenever he needs.

Ray Fontaine requested some sand for our beach. Jonathan O'Keefe said he has some to donate.

Joel said that we still need to deal with the issue of the person responsible for dumping on Paul Bunyan Road. They need land owner permission or a search warrant to go and inspect. Joel will be working on this matter with Jeff Noyes.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M