

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Jim Colgan; Donnie Mucherino, Dawn Mucherino Rinker and one other family member; Planning Commissioners Faeterri Silver and Michael Schumacher; Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair John Warshow

Cree Farm Road: The Board continued the public hearing on Cree Farm Road. The Board discussed the possibility of making the road a legal trail, but it was not clear whether the Town could have a trail that dead ends. They discussed the Town Attorney's opinion that the easements are not legal because they were not signed by the correct person. Dawn feels that trails are supposed to be intended for recreational use only. Chris pointed out that some trails are used for access, such as for logging.

John feels that the Mucherinos' concerns for their power line would be satisfied if new easements were drawn up and signed by the correct person.

Chris feels that we should require a turnaround to be constructed outside the gate, on land belonging to TAL, LLC.

The Board noted that on the mylar that the Mucherinos filed, the road ends before the underground power line. Dawn and Donnie think the road actually extends further than what is shown on their survey. Jim Colgan stated that the town highway maps give a measurement for the road in miles, which extends it past the house. John noted that one of the advantages of this process is that the road will have a defined endpoint.

According to the Town Attorney, the easements should be redone so they can be signed by the person listed on the Secretary of State's website. The Board

John moved to send Mr. Datner a letter stating that they will proceed with throwing up Cree Farm Road at a point 1990' from the intersection with the Calais Road, provided that the town receives from Mr. Datner the following: An easement to the Mucherinos from the new end of the road to their underground easement, with the properly executed property transfer tax return, and an easement to the Town for the town trucks and buses to turn around, with properly executed property transfer tax return, to be here by April 12th. If we receive everything by the 12th, the Board intends to proceed with the discontinuance. Helen seconded – all in favor. Chris stated that if we do not receive everything by the 16th, we are done.

This concludes the hearing.

Appointments: Michael Schumacher is interested in the vacancy on the Development Review Board. He is currently on the Planning Commission, and would like to serve as both. He feels that it

would be helpful to have someone who is on both boards and can help the Planning Commission see how the zoning regulations are working in practice.

Faeterri Silver is interested in serving as Marshfield's delegate to the Regional Planning Commission. She noted that the CVRPC is looking for feedback from the Town regarding a planned merger between the RPC and the Central Vermont Economic Development Council. Mike mentioned that there are concerns that regional planning could be overshadowed by the developers, and also a smaller concern that development could be slowed by being bogged down with planning. Mike feels that the RPC deals with things that are more ethereal. Having the two groups combine will provide continuity, but there will still be two chairs, two subcommittees, and separate funding.

Bobbi noted that Dina Bookmyer-Baker's term on the DRB is up and she is not seeking to be reappointed. Bruce Hayden's term is also up. The Board asked Bobbi to contact him and invite him to the next Selectboard meeting.

John moved to appoint Faeterri Silver as the Town's delegate to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Planning Commission: John moved to authorize the Planning Commission to spend up to \$300 for a wireless printer. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Old Town Forest: Brett Engstrom has flagged the boundary between the town forest and Drew Mountain Associates land. Helen will walk the property with Brett and the sugarmakers who have possibly installed taps on the town forest.

Concerts: Chris mentioned a potential zoning issue and concerns about parking in the road during concerts at the Blachly residence on Ennis Hill Road. John has received a call from the Fire Department expressing their concerns about parking on the side of the road and whether or not emergency vehicles could get through. Chris has been approached about whether this is a commercial activity that would require a zoning permit. The concerts are by donation only. The Board asked Bobbi to send a letter, inviting them to the next Selectboard meeting.

Road Tour: The Selectboard will meet to tour town roads and look for zoning violations on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 7:00 a.m.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the December 28, February 5, and March 5 meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the March 19, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
