

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members John Warshow (arrived at 7:15), Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Rich Phillips, Faeterri Silver

At 6:05 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chris Martin.

**Covered Bridge:** A lawnmower access will be created to allow mowers to cross to the other side of the bridge. Access from the other side, from the railroad bed, is difficult. Rich would be willing to donate a couple of granite slabs to help with the access. If the Road Crew places the granite and dumps a load of material, Rich will move the crushed stone with his tractor. The Board discussed other options, such as building a portable ramp. Chris will meet with Joe Mangan who is doing the mowing, to see if they can come up with any other options.

Rich reported that the trees along the road are stressed. He thinks we should have someone who knows about trees look at them to see what can be done to save them. He noted that these trees are worth a couple thousand dollars. He is watering them weekly. Helen will talk to her son – he is in forestry classes – and ask him if he knows any tree experts that would be willing to take a look. Rich will talk to B&B Nursery and also Nicko Rubin.

Rich got a request from Tim Maclay to hay the fields. He noted that it's in the floodplain. He thinks it would be consistent with the historical use of the property. The Board supported the idea of haying to keep the fields open. Rich will let the Conservation Commission know that the Selectboard is considering it.

The Friends of the Winooski with the River Conservancy have designed a removable ladder that will lead down to a platform at the river, as a canoe access. The Town has submitted a permit but the permit could not be granted because it is in the floodplain, so the Town will appeal to the Development Review Board. The Board authorized Bobbi to send a letter of appeal.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** Rich notified the Board that the film has been applied to the windows in the kitchen and dining area to reduce the amount of sun that comes into those rooms, which are historically very hot.

**Energy Committee:** Chris moved to add Wes Cate to the energy committee. Helen seconded – all in favor.

**Solar trackers:** The energy committee is still debating what material to add to the back of the solar trackers to keep kids from climbing on them.

**Green Up:** The Board received a report of Green Up activities, coordinated by Pat and Tony Mayhew and the Conservation Commission. There were 60 participants who collected 85 bags of trash, 65 tires, and a lot of plastic (old culverts, etc.), old mattresses, metal and some appliances. Ed Letourneau collected about 40 tires, mattresses, and 10 bags of trash along the railroad bed between

Turtlehead Pond and Lanesboro.

John Warshow arrived at this point.

**Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission/Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation Merger:** Faeterri Silver addressed the Board to discuss the proposed merger and review the results of the recent consolidation meeting. The consolidation committee is in favor of consolidation, but she didn't feel like the committee answered questions, especially for small towns. Some towns have stated that they are not in favor of consolidation. Gunner McCain, who led the committee, is willing to come to a Selectboard meeting to answer questions. There is no date set yet for a vote. Dues will go up but there is no clear answer about how much. The Board is not supportive of the idea right now but Faeterri will tell the consolidation committee that they can come and talk to the Board to try to convince them.

**Planning Commission:** Faeterri reported that the Planning Commission is working to get more people involved in zoning. There is a survey that they have prepared and they would like to send a mailing, perhaps with the tax bills. There is a forum scheduled for this Thursday, and another one in July.

**Cree Farm Road:** John moved to adopt the agreement that the Mucherinos prepared, agreeing that the Town will not take any of their land for a future turnaround. This agreement will replace the agreement signed two weeks ago. Chris seconded – all in favor.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 21, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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