

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, July 24, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Ernie Penley, Kathryn Trupin, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:06 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** Ernie Penley notified the Board that the new tables have arrived. He would like to sell the old tables. They will first be offered to the town departments.

Bobbi asked what to do with the money that we receive for renting out the tables and chairs. It will be included in the general fund revenue.

Ernie needs to buy paint for the Old Schoolhouse Common. The Board reviewed his budget. There is enough money in the budget to buy it.

Ernie discussed his hours with the Board. He has hired someone to fill in for him cleaning when he was away. He also had someone help him to strip and wax the floors, work on the playground, and clean the boilers. He will deduct the cleaning hours from his hours but he feels like he should be able to hire someone to help him on occasion. The Board agreed that he can hire someone for up to 20 hours a year. There is enough money in the contract labor and heating repair budgets this year. Next year the hours will be allocated in the payroll budget.

Kathryn Trupin addressed the Board to ask them to mow the area between School Street and the ball field. They will ask Dan to brush hog it.

**Town Plan:** The Selectboard will hold a public hearing on August 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. They made minor changes to the plan and it will be available prior to the hearing.

**Conservation Commission:** Bobbi notified the Board that the Conservation Commission has finished their booklet on Marshfield's natural landscape. They would like to purchase placard holders advertising the booklets. The booklets are being offered for a suggested donation of \$3.00. The Board approved the purchase.

**Cemeteries:** The Board received an inquiry from Joe Mangan about whether or not the Board would like to place signs at the three sections of the Eaton Cemetery. The Board discussed possible sign designs. They will talk it over with Joe when he attends a future meeting.

**Covered Bridge Mowing:** The Town received a note from Cabot Heights stating that the price for mowing the covered bridge park would increase from \$65 to \$120. They feel that the park is too difficult to mow because of flood damage. Rich Phillips has indicated that there is less to mow now because of the flood. Cabot Heights had offered to provide a proposal for doing the work that needs to be done to bring the park back into mowable condition, but the Board never received the proposal. Chris has tried unsuccessfully to contact them via phone and email. The

Board agreed to terminate the contract and send notice to the other bidders to see if they are still interested.

Rich has rototilled the rough areas. Volunteers will do the seeding and mulching.

**Constables:** The Board received a letter from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns explaining that the law has changed and if constables have not had law enforcement training, they can no longer perform certain law enforcement duties. They will only be covered by town insurance for those duties that are allowed by statute. Bobbi will send them each a letter explaining the change and also ask them to attend a meeting.

**DRB Procedures:** The Board discussed possible ways to streamline the permitting process.

**Bridge painting:** The State has a grant program to fund bridge painting. The money has all been disbursed for this year but the Town can apply next year.

**Stranahan Town Forest:** The Board amended the management plan to add a statement recommended by Vermont Land Trust to clarify that a small sugaring building can be placed on the property. Bobbi provided the Board with a spreadsheet showing the accumulated income and expenses from the property.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved a curb cut for Amy Brandt. They approved the minutes of the May 15, June 5, and June 19 meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the July 24, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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