

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme (arrived at 7:00); Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Planning Commissioner Jon Groveman; Library Trustees Liza Earle-Centers, Laurie Colgan, and Pam Quinn

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

Subdivision Regulations: Jon Groveman came to discuss the changes that the Planning Commission has suggested. The Planning Commission has been working on the changes for two years. They had four public forums in addition to the required public hearings. They made procedural changes to make the process smoother, and they made substantive changes to address what the subdivision criteria are. The changes also implement the Town Plan. Jon noted that Richard Baker was extremely helpful during this process. They also looked at the regulations in neighboring towns. Jon and the Selectboard reviewed the proposed changes. These changes only apply to the subdivision regulations; they will now turn their focus to the zoning regulations.

Library Budget: The Library Trustees discussed the library budget with the Board. The Trustees explained that their budget request will be higher this year because the Librarian will return to the Town's health insurance plan – she did not need to be on the Town's insurance for the past couple of years.

Fire Department: John noted that the three Selectboard members attended a presentation about refurbishing the pumper.

Unlicensed Dogs: Chris spoke with a representative of the Vermont Housing Foundation regarding the unlicensed dogs at the Hollister Hill Apartments. They will be following up.

Town Budget: The Selectboard reviewed the budgets for town departments. Revenue in the Buildings and Grounds budget will fall short this year because the space formerly rented by Headstart is still vacant. The Board discussed options for advertising the space. The Historical Society and Library have been discussing a collaboration that would involve the Historical Society moving back into the space and providing display space for the Society's collection as part of the library space. The Board will ask them to attend the next Selectboard meeting to discuss the options.

The Zoning and Planning budget will be unchanged.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting.

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 December 3, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
