

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Rich Phillips, Faeterri Silver, Winnie Valenza

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin.

Personnel: John moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The Board returned to open session at 6:10. They took no action.

Resignation: Faeterri Silver presented her letter of resignation from the Energy Committee. She does not feel that it is appropriate to be on both the Energy Committee and the Planning Commission. She would like to remain on the Planning Commission.

Solar Project: Rich and the Selectboard discussed the possibility of putting up a fence around the new solar panels. They discussed the need to restrict access and define the area and also the difficulty a fence would pose for mowing. They decided to put up signs for now. There will be signs indicating that it is a restricted area, and also some informational signs explaining the project. The Board will revisit the issue of a fence in the spring, if it seems warranted.

Sand: Rich Phillips updated the Board on the work he has done to try to find a local source of sand for winter road maintenance. He doesn't think we will be able to find a close source. With the difficulty in finding a source, he feels that the Town may have to cut back on the usage. John noted that hauling now costs as much as the sand itself. Chris feels that people should be more prepared for winter, with snow tires and a winter vehicle. He also mentioned the possibility of switching to something crushed, from Bickfords or another source.

Front Porch Forum: Rich noted that people have been signing up for Front Porch Forum. There are already 289 subscribers.

Roads: Dan has received a call requesting more plowing on Upper Depot Road. Helen will respond via a letter.

Internal Controls: Bobbi presented the Board with the internal controls checklist that VLCT recommends. The Board will meet with the Town Auditors after the new year to discuss financial policies.

Twin Valley Seniors: Michael Caccavo asked the Board to draft an evacuation plan for the Old Schoolhouse Common. He also asked for blinds in the kitchen.

CVHS: The Selectboard reviewed the contract from the Central Vermont Humane Society for stray cats. They have questions about the contract. Bobbi will follow up with CVHS and the Board will discuss it again at the next meeting.

Cree Farm Road: The Selectboard has not received the Property Transfer Tax Return that is required to finalize the discontinuance. They instructed Bobbi to check with the Town Attorney about what to do next.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the November 20 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the December 4, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
