

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 18, 2016, Old Schoolhouse Common,
immediately following Stranahan Stewardship Committee meeting

Present: Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Patrick Martin; Sarah Fowler

At 8:35 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andy Perchlik

Changes to Agenda: none

Public Comment: Sarah Fowler and Patrick Martin submitted a petition to the Selectboard, signed by 59 residents and taxpayers, which states: “We, the residents and taxpayers of Marshfield, who are concerned with the Stranahan Forest committee’s inability to follow the original intents of the Forest bylaws, request a disbanding of the original committee. In its place we request the County forester to manage the forest and report to the SelectBoard. The recreational aspects of the Forest should be managed by a group that better represents all interests.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Selectboard approved the minutes of the December 15, 2015 and January 5, 2016 minutes with minor changes.

Elevator: The Selectboard entered into a two-year agreement with Vermont Elevator Inspection Services, Inc. for the elevator at the Old Schoolhouse Common.

Green Mountain Power: The Selectboard approved a petition from GMP to install power poles in the road right of way on Lower Depot Road, to provide electrical service to the home of Joshua and Catherine Sainz.

Stranahan Town Forest Committee: The Selectboard discussed the committee and the Stranahan Town Forest Management Plan. The Board discussed several alternatives, noting the committee’s difficulty in working together and the need to provide more efficient and objective management of the Town Forest. Laurie moved that the Selectboard shall:

1. Revise the Stranahan Town Forest Management Plan, particularly focusing on Section VII. ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT and the roles and responsibilities of the Stranahan Stewardship Committee;
2. Receive public comment on the revised plan at the Selectboard meeting of February 16th; and
3. Solicit applications for membership on a newly-formed committee after the revisions are adopted.

Andy seconded – all in favor.

The Selectboard agreed that they should send the Stranahan Town Forest Committee a letter notifying them of the decision to revise the management plan's section on organization and management.

Meeting Cancellation: Since all current business was conducted at this meeting, Laurie moved to cancel the January 19th meeting. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 18, 2016 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
