

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members John Warshow and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe (arrived at 7:15); Stranahan Stewardship Committee Member Ed Jalbert; Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:07 p.m. the meeting was called to order by John Warshow.

### **Logging in Stranahan Town Forest**

Agenda change to take Ed Jalbert on Stranahan Town Forest first:

1. Has had interest from some small operators in the Stranahan logging job, but he doesn't want to show it to show the sale. Those interested can go look at what is marked.
2. Selectboard agreed to have Bobbi send Mr. Sioufi the letter saying the land will be logged and that there was some question about the signs that were posted being on town land
3. Selectboard agreed to have Bobbi send out logging RFP as Ed thinks there will be good bids received. Want the bid to go out ASAP. Bid to be open for 10 days. Logging contract would be for one year to allow them to start next year or start this year if not enough time.
4. Ed suggested the town hire a surveyor to verify the property line between the town forest and Mr. Sioufi's property. Ed said it would still be OK for Mr. Sioufi to contact him about the property line.
5. John said the town should only do the survey work if there is a signed contract to do the logging as the income from the logging could pay for the survey work.
6. Ed talked to Kate Smith and said she agreed that the loggers could cross her land to access a landing. Ed suggested she get some fire-wood out of the logging operation as compensation for the use of her land.
7. Ed said he'd go through the bid packet and make sure the dates are correct for the contract and then send it to John.
  - a. The Selectboard agreed Ed would be the Forester in Charge of the Sale.
  - b. There will be no payment until the logging operation is done and Ed, as the Forester in Charge of the Sale, has had a chance to go look at the job.

**Capital West Dispatching:** John reported on the meeting he attended regarding the high increases in the costs of using Capital West for dispatching. John and Andy agreed it would be good to have Tim Morris to come to a selectboard meeting to discuss the possibility of setting up a new dispatch with other towns.

**State Highway Grant:** John will complete the grant application for the state highway roadway grant program to get Creamery Street paved, and Bobbi will submit the application.

**Board Chair:** Decided to table the discussion on the selectboard chair until after town meeting.

**Sidewalk Clearing:** John has gotten a few complaints but has explained to them that the Town has to now wait until it warms up to clear the walks. The selectboard agreed the town will do better next year to make sure they are cleared from the beginning of the winter.

**Alarm System:** Contract for Mountain View Security Signed.

**Overweight Permits:** John asked about permit payments for overweight vehicles. Agreed to ask Bobbi why we haven't received any such payments this year.

Bobbi Brimblecombe entered meeting. Bobbi said the town has received overweight truck payments.

**Local Emergency Operations Plan:** Selectboard certified that the town LEOP was adopted last August.

**Personnel:** Selectboard agreed to pay Road Forman an annual salary of \$32,000.

**Appointments:** Tabled appointments to CV Regional Planning Commission and NEK Solid Waste District Board. It was agreed that it would be best to do at Town meeting.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. The Board approved the minutes from February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and approved a liquor license for Rivers Edge Quick Stop.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Perchlik, Selectboard Member

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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