

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 5:30 p.m, Cree Farm Road and Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Don Mucherino, Dawn Rinker, Jim Colgan

### **INSPECTION AND HEARING, DISCONTINUANCE OF CREE FARM ROAD**

At 5:30 p.m. the Board inspected the location of the proposed discontinuance of Cree Farm Road. Dawn Rinker , Jim Colgan and Don Mucherino were present. Jim showed the Selectboard the proposed end of the road, marked with a survey pin.

At 5:47, Chair Chris Martin opened the public hearing on the proposed discontinuance.

The Board received and read a letter from Mrs. Mucherino.

Chris asked Jim to describe what has been done. He explained that they were originally going to have the road end at the arch. After Mrs. Mucherino raised concerns, they decided to go as far in as possible while still keeping the buildings in compliance with zoning. The new end point is not far from where Mrs. Mucherino thought the road ended anyway. The point is 1990' from the intersection with the Calais Road, and the point is marked with a pin.

Don explained that their two issues are the electric utility easement, and the zoning of his property which may no longer be within 600' of the town road. Chris explained that the zoning map is what governs what district you are in; the 600' was used to develop the map but the map only changes if voters change it. The planning commission could suggest a change to the map but the voters would have to approve it; changing the road does not automatically change the district.

Jim will have the property owner address the question of the utility easement with the adjoining landowners as a separate issue. The town will provide language for an easement from the landowner to the Town for road maintenance. Bobbi will prepare the discontinuance order for the Board to sign at their next meeting.

John moved to proceed with discontinuing Cree Farm Road at a point 1990' from its intersection with the Calais Road, provided that the Town receives an easement from the landowner for maintenance of the road. Chris seconded – all in favor. Concurrently the Mucherinos will receive a utility easement unless one already exists.

The hearing ended and the regular meeting started at 6:25.

**Ambulance Service:** The Selectboard received a complaint from John Audy with a copy of an email from Sheila Brown, president of Cabot Ambulance Service, disparaging the East Montpelier Fire Department. Mr. Audy noted that this is not the first time Mrs. Brown has maligned the East Montpelier Fire Department and he is requesting that District 6 take this up as an official matter.

**Mowing:** The Selectboard reviewed the mowing contract for the covered bridge. They had decided last fall to change the payment terms for 2012 to pay for each mowing instead of a lump sum. Cabot Heights Property Maintenance is the contractor and they have disputed the town's right to change the terms of the two-year contract.

Mark Codling arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m. He feels like he did as much as he could last year because of the flood. It's difficult to mow now because there are so many potholes and so much sand because of the flood. He explained that the current price is \$266 per month. If we change to \$65 per mowing, months that have 5 weeks will cost more, but he won't need to mow every week in September and October. The Board asked him for an estimate for the work that needs to be done to bring the park back to the condition that it was in before the flood. Bobbi noted that FEMA has not finished the project worksheet for the covered bridge park so it may be possible to get help paying for it.

**Unlicensed dogs:** The Board instructed Bobbi to send a notice of ordinance violation to approximately 50 people who have not licensed their dogs. They will be given 10 days to license their dog or be fined \$50.

**Conservation Commission:** The Selectboard approved their request to use their designated fund to pay for printing a booklet about Marshfield's natural landscape. The Board acknowledged Pat and Tony Mayhew for their work coordinating the town's green-up effort.

**Computer:** The Board approved purchase of a new computer for the town garage.

**Cemeteries:** Chris will talk to Joseph Mangan to go over what work the Board would like to have done this year.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. The Board approved the minutes of the March 20, April 28 and May 1 meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 15, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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