

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault; DRB member Paul Brierre; Visitors Dan and Florence Mucherino, Jim Colgan, Joe Mangan, Carrie Fischer, Terry Owen (Thomas Hirschak Co.)

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

**Romanczak property:** Terry Owen from the Thomas Hirschak company addressed the Board regarding the upcoming sale of the Romanczak property. The Board approved the plan. The auction will be held on Friday, July 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

**Winter sand:** McCullough bid \$9.10/ton for sand plus 2.90/ton for delivery. This converts to 15.60/yard. Gravel Construction bid \$7.50/yd plus \$7.35/yd for delivery for a total of \$14.85. Albert bid \$6.25/yd for delivery. John moved to purchase sand from Gravel Construction and to hire Albert St. Cyr for trucking, provided that Albert has two trucks hauling on the days that he hauls sand, to make it more efficient for the road crew to pile it up. Helen seconded – all in favor.

**Guardrails:** Vermont Recreational has replaced guardrails on Beaver Meadow Road, Creamery Street, Calais Road, Lower Depot Road, Nasmith Brook Road, and Eaton Cemetery Road, and the approaches for a few bridges. The work came in far under budget. Later in the meeting, Helen and Bobbi reported that they received a call from Father Mulligan to report that the guardrail company damaged his wife's vehicle. Bobbi gave him the contact information for the guardrail company.

**Flood damage:** Dan notified the Board that FEMA will not cover the slide on Beaver Meadow Road. He will have to hire someone or rent a large excavator to do the work .

**Dumping:** Dan notified the Board that someone has been pulling scrap metal out of the old dump and causing erosion on the roads. Some of the material has been dumped beside the road in other places in town. Dan has contacted the state enforcement officer.

**Covered Bridge:** Mark Codling never sent a proposal for the work that still needs to be done. Chris suggested contacting Twinfield to get students under the Digging for Donations program. The work that is needed involves raking, seeding and mulching. We are still waiting to hear from FEMA about whether they will cover the riprap on the bank of the river near the covered bridge.

**Cree Farm Road:** Bobbi reported that the decision has been drafted by the town attorney and she has revised it and sent it back to the attorney for approval. Jim Colgan reported that the attorney and surveyor have spoken and the attorney is working on the easement. The Mucherinos expressed concern that they might lose access to their utility easement. Jim Colgan thought it would not be a problem to have Mr. Datner grant a utility easement to the Mucherinos. They are also concerned that cars going down the road will turn around in their driveway.

**Cemeteries:** Joe Mangan brought quotes to the board for tree removal in the Eaton Cemetery. The

quotes are as follows:

Farr's Tree Service	28,300
Randy Pickel	22,150
Vermont Expert Tree and Landscaping	24,405

The Board asked Joe to negotiate with Randy Pickel. Mr. Pickel agreed to deduct \$2,350 from the bid. Carrie Fischer has given permission to the Town to access the trees from her property. The Board indicated that they will draft a temporary easement specifying the work to be done and the time frame.

Chris will contact Twinfield about having the Digging for Donations group paint the fence.

Dan and the Road Crew will fix the wall in Wooster Cemetery.

**DRB Procedure:** Julie Bickford expressed her concerns that the zoning process is so complicated that it takes over a month to schedule a hearing. She applied for a permit in May and her hearing won't happen until the end of June because the DRB clerk did not prepare the warning in time. The delays are costing money. The summer is short and the delay is taking up most of the summer. The Board questioned whether the activity would be covered under their Act 250 permit and may not need a town permit. Regardless of whether she truly needs a permit, the process seems to take too long. After discussion, it was decided that Bobbi and Bob Light will work out a procedure to get the applications processed and the hearings scheduled earlier.

**Dogs:** The Selectboard agreed to issue citations to those people who have still not licensed their dogs. The citations will include a \$50 fine.

**Zoning:** Chris received a phone call from Michael Stark regarding zoning. He also came to the town office to research the procedure to repeal zoning. The Board will invite him in to discuss his concerns.

**Tax Sale:** The Selectboard authorized Bobbi or Winnie to bid on behalf of the Town at the upcoming tax sale.

**OSC:** The Selectboard asked Bobbi to send a memo to Ernie to clarify the maintenance budget. The Board approved the purchase of 22 tables and an extra cart. The existing tables were ruined during the flood and the Town received reimbursement from the insurance company (less the \$500 deductible).

**Emergency Response:** The Selectboard adopted the revision of the Basic Emergency Operations Plan.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 5, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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