

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Selectboard members Chris Martin and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Planning Commission Member Faeterri Silver

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order at the Fire Station.

Fire Station: The Selectboard conducted a site visit at the Marshfield Fire Station to view drainage issues.

They proceeded to the Old Schoolhouse Common where they were joined by Faeterri Silver.

Web Resources: Faeterri reported on the American FactFinder, located at Census.gov; this site allows users to find demographic information by town. Biofinder.vt.gov is an Agency of Natural Resources site that shows the biodiversity of a particular area.

Regional Planning: Faeterri reported that the Vermont Association of Planning & Development Agencies recently made a presentation to the Regional Planning Commission. She noted that the State's long-term goal seems to be village growth centers. She noted that Regional Planning meetings can be viewed on YouTube. Regarding the proposed merger between Regional Planning and the Central Vermont Economic Development Council, it seems like they are re-evaluating the plan because the smaller towns do not appear to be in favor of the merger.

Planning Commission: Faeterri reported that the third zoning forum focused on elder housing. Faeterri is chairing a volunteer committee to study the possibility. The Planning Commission will now focus their efforts on revising the subdivision regulations. They are working on a comprehensive survey to send to Marshfield citizens and landowners.

Rural character: As a citizen (rather than Planning Commission member), Faeterri noted that there is no clear definition of "rural character" in either the state statutes or the zoning regulations, and we as a community need to come up with our own definition. She noted that her neighborhood used to be quiet but it has become noisier over the years. Chris noted that he also has noise issues in his neighborhood but he is not in favor of a noise ordinance.

Executive Session: At 6:45 Chris moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Helen seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 6:50.

Dog issue: James Mulligan spoke with Helen to request an extension to build a fence for his dog. He is going to rent a post-hole digger. Helen will call and let him know that the Board will grant a 2-week extension, until August 6. Helen noted that the dog has been neutered.

Trail Ride: The Board approved a request from Rhythm of the Rein to park horse trailers at the Old Schoolhouse Common during a trail ride/fundraiser.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the July 9 Selectboard Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the July 23, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
