

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Zoning Administrator Bob Light; Fire Fighter Tom Maclay; Visitors Suzan Condon, Ellen Cooke (arrived at 7:00 p.m.) and Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair John Warshow

Fire Station: Tom Maclay discussed the ditch for possible drainage and erosion issues bordering the fire station and the property of James Rogers. Tom suggested that the ditch be stabilized with riprap at a 90° angle with 6-12" stone. Dan Tetreault, Road Foreman may have some stones to use. The Selectboard will set up a meeting with James Rogers at 5:00 p.m. prior to their next meeting on August 20, 2013.

Tom Rus Property: Bob Light has been in contact with Tom Rus via email. Bob suggested that Tom obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for a newly acquired property on Route 2 across from the Martin Bridge. A zoning permit was approved in 1994. The septic system was installed in 1985. Bob was informed previously by a potential buyer that the property has a failed septic system and the leach field is on a neighbor's property. John asked Bob to read what the Zoning Ordinance states in Section 380 – Adequate Wastewater Treatment Requirements. According to the requirements, John stated that Tom Rus needs to demonstrate to the Agency of Natural Resources that the septic is in working order to comply with the Marshfield Zoning. Chris noted that the old zoning permit is good. Tom needs to get a Certificate of Occupancy.

Zoning Issue on Ellen Cooke Property: Bob Light was notified by neighbors of Ellen Cooke that the Roots School was conducting a summer camp on her property located on Ennis Hill Road. Ellen did not have a conditional use permit. The Roots School was charging a fee for the summer camp participants, which makes it a commercial operation. Suzan Condon was very concerned about the traffic and parking of vehicles on Ennis Hill Road. Suzan was particularly concerned to see the children left off at the property during a lightning storm in the middle of a field. Ellen was contacted and phoned Bob Light to discuss the issue. She was out of the country at the time the camp was in progress. Ellen told the Selectboard and Bob that she didn't realize that she wasn't in compliance. Bob sent her a Notice of Violation and John informed her how to proceed with an appeal and/or get a Conditional Use Permit from the DRB. Ellen told the Selectboard that the summer camp will not be pursued in the future. She would like to let the Roots School use her property for an after school program once a week to meet approximately 30 times throughout the school year. Ellen was encouraged to obtain a Conditional Use Permit as soon as possible. John suggested that Ellen could have a discussion with Jenny Warshow on the use of the Stranahan property for future events.

PACE: John said he and Rich Phillips found objections to the language (description & guidelines) in the PACE program. They recommended that the board not adopt it at the present time until the language is cleaned up.

Fish Passage on Peck Place: The Selectboard will do an onsite visit to the bridge on Tibbetts Road at 5:30 p.m. August 20th. The Friends of the Winooski would like to put in place a fish friendly

structure as part of the project.

Culvert Policy: The Selectboard agreed that new culverts owned by the Town cannot be sold to residents, but the Town will still install driveway culverts and be reimbursed by the property owner.

NEKWMD and Justice of the Peace Resignation: The Selectboard will advise Bobbi to advertise in Front Porch Forum for a representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District board. Alan Taplow also resigned as a Justice of the Peace. The Governor will appoint a new Justice of the Peace and customarily accepts recommendations from the town committee of the political party of the office holder. Alan was a Democratic Party candidate.

Stranahan Cleanup: John moved to accept Jim Brimblecombe’s proposal to clean up the downed trees and pay the town \$10 per cord for the wood. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the July 23, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Ducharme, Selectboard Member

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the August 6, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
