

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Visitors Joe Mangan (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Susan Green, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

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

Historical Society/Library Collaboration: Librarian Susan Green updated the Selectboard on the collaboration. She expressed that the plan to combine the two had some opposition from the Historical Society. Susan feels it would be a natural progression for the collaboration. The archives could be displayed in built-in cases and would allow the public to have more access during the Library hours. Susan noted that an anonymous donor offered assistance to promote the proposal. She does not want to apply for a grant for display cases without the Society's cooperation. John mentioned that he will look at the bylaws of the Historical Society to see what the requirements are for the Society's open hours since it's supported with public funds.

Unlicensed Dogs: Bobbi sent late notices to Julie Bickford and Jennifer Bickford. They have been called and agreed to come in to pay for a late license. They were called again and have been non-responsive. John will issue a ticket for a fine; Chris and Helen were both in agreement.

Twin Valley Senior Center Request for a Ramp: Chris said the request did not specify where the ramp should be installed. The building has an elevator and should handle any need for going between floors. He believes that the ADA requires reasonable accommodations. The Board will address the emergency lighting in the building and ask Building Superintendent Ernie Penley to test them and replace batteries if needed. The motion sensitivity will be adjusted and the emergency exit lights are working. Chris noted that the building needs a backup system should the power go out to make the elevators operational and would eliminate the need for ramps.

Eaton Cemetery: Joe Mangan made a request to replant maple trees that were removed down the center of the cemetery. He noted that the back area looked much better opened. He will look into getting prices and have Nicko Rubin pick them out. He mentioned that it would be a good time to plant so they become acclimated before winter sets in. The Selectboard agreed with Joe's recommendations. The Board also approved payment for the tree removal that has already taken place.

Outdoor Sidewalk/Curb Sign: The Board agreed to purchase a removable sign for public information/reminders. Chris will also look into having a sign made for dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

Planning Commission Resignation: William Ritke-Jones has resigned from the Planning Commission. The Board currently has no one they can appoint.

Road Crew Budget: The Selectboard will not eliminate the part-time position at this time and has

taken it under consideration.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: The final review of the plan will be deferred until a future meeting.

CVEDC/CVRPC Merger: The Selectboard's position is not in favor of the merger. Chris noted that unless they put a better plan out in writing, he is not in favor. John moved to instruct Faeterri Silver to vote against the proposed merger of the Central Vermont Economic Development Council and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. 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 August 6 and September 3 Selectboard Meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Ducharme, Selectboard Member

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 17, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
