

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Jim Colgan, Danny Mucherino, Dawn Mucherino Rinker, Donnie Mucherino, Albert St. Cyr, Susan Sinclair (CVRPC), Michael Schumacher (Planning Commission), Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

Cree Farm Road: At 6:01 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin. Chair Martin opened the public hearing on the Cree Farm Road discontinuance. The Selectboard read a letter from the Mucherino family.

Chris asked those present if they had anything to add to the letter. Dawn stated that they don't understand why the issue is being taken up again. Danny stated that the easements are not legal because the corporation is TAL, LLC and the authorized person is Tal Zanna. Avi Datner did not have authority to sign the documents at that time. The resolution that he has provided was signed by Tal Datner (not Tal Zanna). They feel that the discontinuance should be thrown out. They also suggested that TAL, LLC could grant an easement to everyone, including the public. John and Chris suggested that if they discontinue the road and then get an easement, the road wouldn't really be discontinued. Danny suggested that Avi should be given an easement. Bobbi explained that the criteria for granting a variance are set out in statute. Jim Colgan stated that the proposed end of the road would be 54' from the underground power line.

John asked whether the Mucherinos would be satisfied if the Selectboard required Mr. Datner to keep the road ungated and open.

The Board discussed the need to find out whether Avi Datner is in fact authorized to proceed on behalf of TAL, LLC.

Chris moved to continue the hearing to March 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. John seconded – all in favor.

Stranahan Town Forest: Albert attended the meeting to discuss the work that he did on the Thompson Road. John asked him to come to the meeting because the Board felt that the bill they received for rip rap on the Thompson Road is high, and the material that was used was not what the Board would have chosen. The snowmobile club paid to have him replace a culvert, and while he was there, Albert fixed a washout with large and small stone. He put three loads of stone and worked 5½ hours with a hoe. He also used some stone that came from the original stone culvert. He feels that the material that he used worked better than rip rap. John stated that there was a breakdown in communication because stone was supposed to be placed in the ditch on the Thompson Road. Albert thinks that John Domey told him to fix the washout. It will take a lot of stone to fill the ditch. He would have paid \$600 for the material if he had purchased the stone that he used to fix the washout. Ed Jalbert stated that there has been confusion among the Stranahan Stewardship Committee members about what work was to be done. Albert stated that the snowmobile club would only pay for the excavation on the culvert. The Town supplied a used culvert.

Chris moved to pay Albert's invoice for \$1,000, and communicate better in the future. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Old Town Forest: Brett Engstrom asked Ed Jalbert to attend the meeting to report that the boundaries on the old town forest are not well marked, but sugaring pipeline has been run on the town forest from the Drew Mountain property. There are approximately 15 acres of maple there; it is declining but will probably last another 10 years. Helen will contact the people who are tapping the Drew Mountain property to let them know that we believe they have tapped town property, and to find out if they are interested in pursuing a lease with the town. Ed will look at the management plan that he has for the property and find out how many potential taps are on the property.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: Susan Sinclair addressed the Selectboard to let them know what CVRPC does for the Town. Their mission is to assist the Towns in this district to address regional issues and to work with the Towns on town plans and zoning bylaws. They do capital budget planning and also hazard mitigation. They serve as a data collection center. They have a GIS service. They can get involved in ACT 250 projects that trigger their standards of significant regional impact, but will get involved with other projects at the Town's request. They have a brownfields assessment program. It is currently out of money but they have applied for more funding. John mentioned that the Town would like help dealing with a junkyard situation. CVRPC also has a transportation planning initiative. They have provided grants to reduce energy use at municipal buildings (including the Old Schoolhouse Common). They assist with intergovernmental planning and coordination.

Planning Commission: Michael Schumacher spoke to the Board about the Marshfield Planning Commission's goals for 2013. They want to spend some time this year talking with citizens to find out how they feel about the Town's zoning, and to encourage participation by the townspeople. They also want to look at the districts that we have to see if they make sense.

Rich Baker has submitted his resignation. The Board will look for more members.

Health Officer: Madelyn Hamilton is resigning as Health Officer as of June 1st. The Board will look for someone to serve as Health Officer.

Highway grants: Chris moved to authorize John to apply for a bridge grant to clean and paint bridges, and to apply for a paving grant to pave Creamery Street.

Old Schoolhouse Common: The Board approved the purchase of window tinting material for the kitchen windows, as opposed to blinds. The material will cost approximately \$130.

Solar Project: John moved to approve the payment of \$38,805.00, to be paid on or before March 2, provided that no issues arise.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 19, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
