

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault; Visitors Marianne Miller and Jean Cadorette (Central Vermont Community Action Council), Donnie Mucherino, Dawn Rinker, Dan Currier (Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission), Ann Smith (Friends of the Winooski), Michael Zahner (Conservation Commission) Robin Schunk, Melissa Seifert, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

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

Headstart: Marianne Miller and Jean Cadorette addressed the Board to explain that due to sequestration, Community Action needs to cut \$200,000 from their budget before October. They will need to close the Marshfield office. They have not signed their lease yet and would like to rent on a month – by – month basis through mid-June. They serve 20 children out of the Marshfield office. They hope to be able to serve them but from the Barre or Montpelier offices. They will cut all services during the summer. John asked whether there is anything happening that could restore their funding. Marianne explained that our Congressional delegation advises them to assume these cuts are here to stay. She noted that this is the sequestration that was never supposed to happen, and the children are the losers. They regret having to close the office. They will still rent the kitchen and gym for family outings. The Selectboard agreed to let them continue to rent those areas at the tenant rate.

Signs: The Selectboard received a request from the Maple Hill School for school crossing signs. The school will pay for the signs. Dan stated that the signs will cost \$267.60. The Selectboard approved.

Cree Farm Road: The Selectboard reviewed the easement deeds. Chris moved to sign the order to discontinue the road 1,990' from the intersection with the Calais Road. Helen seconded – all in favor. Chris moved to accept the easements, one to the Mucherinos for access to their utility line and one to the Town for a turnaround. Helen seconded – all in favor. Chris moved that if at any time in the future the Town sees the need to create a turnaround less than 1,990' from the intersection with the Calais Road, it will not be taken from the property now or formerly owned by Donald and Dimples Mucherino. Helen seconded – all in favor. John suggested that the Selectboard should sign an agreement with the Mucherinos and record it in the land records. Chris moved to have the Town Clerk record the discontinuance in the town records. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Roads: Dan stated that Bailey Pond Road has been damaged by the sugaring operation being conducted on the Drew Mountain property. He won't fix the road until after sugaring season is over.

Town Sign: The Board received a letter from Tom Rus stating that because the Orton barn is pictured on town signs, people mistake it for public property. The Board will take it under advisement.

Road Signs: Dan asked the Board whether he should order signs to replace those that have been stolen several times. It costs several hundred dollars each time a sign is stolen. The Board discussed further security measures that will be taken. They agreed to start out by replacing two (Johnson Road and Ennis Hill Road).

Mowing: The Board reviewed bid specifications for mowing at the Old Schoolhouse Common and the Martin Covered Bridge. Rich Phillips feels that the mowing should be paid for on a per-mowing basis rather than a lump-sum price.

Old Schoolhouse Common: The Board received a quote to replace the ½” water line with a 1” water line, for \$895.45. Chris explained that the water line in the building is ½” for a short stretch. This reduces the pressure so much that the water just drizzles in the upstairs bathroom. The Board approved this expenditure.

The Town Clerk left the meeting at this point

Friends of the Winooski: The Winooski Headwaters Community Partnership received funding from the State of Vermont Ecosystem Restoration Program to conduct an Integrated Field Assessment to collect data for water resource and water quality issues. This will provide the Towns of Marshfield, Plainfield and Cabot with specific recommendations on how to protect water resources and town infrastructure. The project partners (the Friends of the Winooski, the Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District, and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission) will complete most of the field work and will request town input from the Road Foreman and others knowledgeable of erosion issues to prioritize and focus the field work. Ann Smith and Dan Currier offered a timeline and overview of the projects explaining the details. There are four project components that include: gravel road assessment, culvert/drainage assessment, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and stormwater mitigation project development. Once the assessment has been made, a detailed report will go back to the Town. John asked if they could test the water at the Holm salvage yard on Maple Hill. They are willing to do a water quality test at this site. The Selectboard noted that they upgrade the town road maintenance plan every three years with our Road Foreman. Dan Currier will meet with Dan Tetreault in the month of May. Chris noted that the Board will take the Integrated Field Assessment printout when they go on their annual road tour in May.

Community Garden: Melissa Seifert asked the Selectboard if there is space available for a community garden on the Old Schoolhouse Common property. She would re-apply for a grant. Robin Schunk would be interested in using a portion of it for the 4-H club. The 4-H club would donate the produce to the Food Shelf as part of a community service project. The Selectboard indicated that the ideal spaces located near the horseshoe pits. Melissa Seifert will make a post on Front Porch Forum to get a sense of how many residents might be interested.

Dog Complaint: Bobbi sent a letter to Chris Bickford on April 11, 2013 notifying him that his dogs showed up at the town office and it was the second instance that they were off his property. The letter informed Chris of the implications of a subsequent violation

Surplus Generators: John noted that the generators being offered by State Surplus Property are

oversized for the Old Schoolhouse Common and powered by diesel. Propane is a more desirable source to power a generator. The Selectboard agreed to pass over the offer.

Drew Mountain: Helen spoke to Brett Engstrom and they concluded to wait until the month of May to walk the Town property with Jason Hoover. The sugaring season is almost complete and it would be more convenient to coordinate schedules when the busy sugaring season is over.

Appointments: The Selectboard made the following appointments:

Health Officer	James Arisman
Development Review Board	Michael Schumacher
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood	Dennis Ducharme
Weigher of Coal	Albert St. Cyr

They will resume appointments at their next meeting.

Executive Session: At 8:33, John moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Helen seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 8:40. They took no action.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the April 2, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk and
Helen Ducharme, Selectboard Member

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the April 16, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
