

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitor Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin.

Tax Sale: John moved to hire Liz MaGill to conduct a tax sale for the Town. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Health Officer Reports: Chris notified the Board that the Health Officer referred a landlord's complaint to him because she is out of town. The landlord (Alison Kasun) has heard from neighbors that the power has been turned off and there is garbage around the property, and a dog damaging the property. The Selectboard stopped and looked at the property when they were doing their road tour on Saturday. The Board observed that the power is on and there was no garbage around. The Board did not see or hear a dog.

Dog Issues: John visited the Onion River Campground to observe a dog belonging to Tracy Pike. The dog has been under quarantine after biting a child. The dog is healthy and the owner plans to vaccinate and license the dog this week.

A dog belonging to Scott Fletcher bit someone on the Cabot Road. The dog has been vaccinated and is currently quarantined.

Bobbi received a report that someone was bitten by a dog in the road in front of Country Floors. It isn't clear whether the bite was from a dog belonging to Chris Martin or Pat Martin. The person who was bitten did not require medical attention so no further action is required. Chris reported that both dogs are now wearing training collars.

Withdrawn Application: A Marshfield property owner has decided to withdraw a subdivision application. John moved to adopt a policy that if someone withdraws a zoning application prior to any action being taken, the Town will refund the application fee, less any out of pocket expenses that the Town has incurred. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Junkyard: The Selectboard stopped and looked at the junkyard on Maple Hill. The remnants of the burned house are still there. There were improperly stored containers of what may have been gasoline or oil. It didn't appear that much has changed since last year. The Selectboard contacted the State to request a site visit and to have them explain how enforcement works.

Cemeteries: The Selectboard executed a cemetery deed for Carol Kreuzer-Tassie.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. The Board approved the minutes of the April 3rd and April 17th meetings.

Personnel Issue: At 7:25 John moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 8:15. John moved to raise Winnie Valenza’s salary by .80. Helen seconded – all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 1, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
