

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Jim Barlow, Laurie Colgan and Chris Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Ty Roland and Toby Talbot (East Montpelier Fire Department)

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: Appointments, Evacuation Plan, Update on May Road, Update on Truck, Rugs at OSC

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of January 2, 2018

Davis vicious dog order: The Board received an email from Vivian Davis in response to their order. They tabled discussion until the next meeting.

Sing dog complaint: The Dery/Copeland dog was licensed as required.

Equipment Fund: The Board reviewed the projections for the next several years. Chris stated that Tenco was planning to start working on the body for the new truck last week.

Certificate of Highway Mileage: The Selectboard signed the Certificate, with the addition by the State of the slip ramp at the intersection of US Route 2 and the Cabot Road.

May Road: Chris received a call from the Road Foreman stating that the Road Crew still can't turn around at the end of May Road because of vehicles and debris in the right of way. Mrs. May has visited the Town Garage several times to complain about the road not being plowed. Chris visited May Road with the Road Foreman and spoke with Mr. May. Mr. May agreed to move some vehicles and items out of the right-of-way so that the town truck would have room to turn around.

East Montpelier Ambulance: Chief Ty Roland and Assistant Chief Toby Talbot from East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD) came to answer questions about the Town's options for ambulance services. The Board explained that they are going to have articles on the warning for town meeting for both Cabot Ambulance and East Montpelier Fire Department, and they are hoping that someone from EMFD can come to our town meeting to answer questions. Ty noted that Cabot has done a good job for the town for many years but volunteerism is on the slide nationwide, and many towns are going to eventually have to change to a paid model. Toby noted that EMFD started out as a fully volunteer service but they have added paid staff because they

couldn't fulfill the need with just volunteers. They noted that if Marshfield signs a contract with them, the additional revenue would go directly into additional staffing.

There were questions about what will happen to Cabot Ambulance if the Town chooses to support East Montpelier instead. Ty stressed that East Montpelier doesn't want to drive Cabot out but they are just responding to the inquiry from Marshfield. He suggested that the Selectboard should talk with Cabot Ambulance before Town Meeting to find out what they are planning. The Board will ask someone from Cabot Ambulance to come to the next Selectboard meeting.

Holm Salvage Yard: The Board reviewed an application for a Certificate of Approved Location for the salvage yard located on Maple Hill. They tabled the application until the next meeting to allow the Board time to research the process, as there are new rules/regulations that need to be followed.

Medicare Reimbursement Issue: the Board reviewed and approved a release to be signed by an employee who will be reimbursed for medicare premiums. The Board authorized Chris to sign the engagement letter for the attorney that advised the Town on the issue.

Appointments: The Board reviewed the list of appointments that are expiring this year.

Town Meeting: The Selectboard signed the warning for Town Meeting.

Marshfield Dam: Jim prepared a draft of an evacuation plan. The Fire Department will review it.

Correspondence: Winnie Valenza asked the Selectboard to let her investigate a rug service for the Old Schoolhouse Common, to prevent slips and falls. The Board agreed that she should get quotes

The Board received a request for a wedding to be held at the Martin Covered Bridge. The Board noted that according to the town ordinance, no smoking or alcohol are allowed on town property, and the property has to remain open to the public, but other than that they have no problem with it.

Sunwise Surveying sent the Board an update on the progress of the work being done to mark the lots in the Davis Memorial Cemetery.

The Town received notice from the State that the town can be delegated to issue water and wastewater permits for properties in town. The Board did not want to pursue that.

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

Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
