

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan, and Chris Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Sarah Galbraith (Stranahan Stewardship Committee); Will Schwarz (Fire Chief); Visitors: Renee Lawrence

At 5:39 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Laurie Colgan. Chris arrived at 6:00 p.m.

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the April 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings with corrections.

**Stranahan Town Forest:** Committee member Sarah Galbraith addressed the Selectboard to discuss ways to bring people into the town forest. National Trail Day is June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. She would like to do events centered around the trails. Some of the events would be hikes and yoga in the forest. The Stranahan Committee feels that the Selectboard should approve an event like this. The events will be staggered to help reduce parking pressure. The Stranahan Town Forest committee supports the event. Laurie made suggestions for how to get the word out. The Board is in support of the event.

**Emergency Management Plan:** The Board and Fire Chief Will Schwarz discussed the draft plan. Chris agreed to be the Emergency Management Director. Will discussed the changes that are planned for the dispatching system. Bobbi will set up a training for VTAlert, an early warning system. The Town will get the word out when the system is in use. The Fire Department is starved for volunteers. There is training available for outside fire fighting that is appropriate for beginners and not as much of a time commitment as attending the Fire Academy. The Selectboard approved the Local Emergency Management Plan.

**Bunker Hill Circle:** Chris reported that he met with Don Marsh from Grenier Engineering on April 17<sup>th</sup>. They walked the circle and looked at the drainage issues, focusing on the area between the top of the hill and the corner where the Lawrence residence is. Don wants to study the issue further, but at first glance he thinks that the best solution may be a closed system with a concrete catch basin to carry the water to a ditch lower in the development. This might be 100' of pipe, and it would probably need to be cleaned once per year, depending on storms and the amount of silt. Chris specified to the engineer that the solution should not involve dumping water on to anyone else's property. Lucy Blue has talked to Laurie Colgan about water ending up in her backyard. The Town does not want to shift the problem from one property to another. The water comes from the properties above the Lawrence property.

Renee wants to know if the town is going to clean up her property. She stated that the water has ruined flowers and has made it impossible to mow the lawn. Rich doesn't feel that it makes sense

to clean up the property before there is a solution because it might happen again. Renee feels that the road has been raised, but Chris doesn't think the road has been raised. Renee stated that her driveway used to be higher than the road but now the road is higher than the driveway. The dirt has washed into her garage. The Road Crew told Chris that there is not much gravel there. Chris stated that perhaps it is silt that has washed down. Renee stated that she has to keep raising her mailbox because the road is getting higher, and this situation is hurting her property value. She wants something done now so that she can mow the lawn. At this point the Selectboard has not consulted with an attorney. Rich reiterated that there are two separate issues – how to fix the road, and what can or should be done about their property. Rich suggested that the Board needs to consult with an attorney to find out what the legal standing is. Chris will contact a landscape company and get an estimate for what it would cost to clean up the lawn.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** Betsy Brigham addressed the Board to talk about painting a mural in the gym. Lincoln Earle-Centers had asked her a couple of years ago if she would like to paint the plywood in the gym. She teaches art at Twinfield and would work with students from Twinfield to design the mural. She would submit designs for the Selectboard's approval. She would put polyurethane on the finished mural. The Board agreed with her plan, provided that the design is a mural only with no messaging.

**Transportation:** Bobbi will set up a meeting with Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Planner, to investigate grant opportunities for traffic calming measures for Route 2.

**Appointments:** The Board appointed Robin Schunk as the Town's representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee. The Board appointed Erin Barry to the School Board. The Board appointed Kathleen Hayes as the backup for Mia Roethlein as dog officer.

**Personnel:** The Board drafted an employment letter for the new Zoning Administrator.

**Radon Remediation:** The Town received the results of the most recent tests. The Village office was 5.3 – 5.5, the gym was 3.1 – 3.6, and the stage area was 2.8 – 3.3. Chris will talk to the contractor about the new test results. These results are low enough that the problem may be solved with air handling units. The Board expects to have the remediation work done this summer.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 7, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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