

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 2:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Crew Members Tim Ksepka, Shane Brickey, and Scott Ciampi; Joanne Garton (Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program); Fire Chief Will Schwarz; visitor Peter Harvey

At 2:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** RAMP meeting update

**Public Comment:** Will Schwarz asked the Road Crew if they can extend the driveway on the Holt Road dry hydrant. They feel that it would require adding large stones to prevent erosion. It might require bigger equipment than we have.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting as drafted, and the June 4, 2019 meeting with one small change.

**HIGHWAYS:** The Board and Road Crew discussed how to best document the work that is being done, to create a history for each road. Chris will check with the Better Backroads Program to see if they have a program.

They discussed the potential for purchasing a hydroseeder. A good hydroseeder would cost \$12 - \$14 thousand, but would save labor costs and erosion because grass grows quicker. If the town bought a hydroseeder, the mulcher could be sold. The Board will research whether there are any grants available.

The Road Crew asked the Board to consider saving one of the old trucks as a spare rather than trading it in, because when one truck breaks down, it is difficult to keep the roads clear with only two trucks. No truck purchases are planned until 2022.

The Road Crew will look at the tree that is down in New Discovery Cemetery.

**RESILIENT RIGHTS OF WAY:** Joanne Garton from the Urban and Community Forestry Program gave a presentation on Resilient Rights of Way. She recommended thinking about the eventual arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer. She asked the town to think about invasive species when deciding the roadside mowing schedule, recognizing that there are budget and time constraints. She discussed the role of the Tree Warden, noting that this person has more power and authority than most people realize. The Urban and Community Forestry Program has resources for the Tree Warden.

Rich Baker suggested asking the Conservation Commission if they can do an ash tree inventory.

**COWS:** The Selectboard received a request from Norman Dix, Stanley and Joanne Martin, and Michael Baril, asking the Board to hold a public hearing and find that their lands abutting those of Philip Leibold are not used for pasturing livestock and therefore they are not responsible for maintaining the fence around Mr. Leibold's property.

Chris stated that Mr. Leibold's cows have damaged the property of several area landowners. They are out every night, and now they have been in Hollister Hill Road as well as Route 2. The Vermont State Police have been called.

**ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE:** The Board intends to draft and adopt an ordinance governing livestock. The draft will be reviewed at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**CEMETERIES:** Laurie received a call from the Sioufis. People are still dumping trash over the wall to their property. Chris cleaned up all of the trash a couple of weeks ago but more has been dumped. The Sioufis have put up cameras on their property.

Laurie mentioned to Ben Carey (the adjoining landowner) that the Board is thinking about cutting the trees from New Discovery Cemetery, and he suggested contacting Patrick Carey for a bid, because the wood could be left there and we wouldn't have to pay to have it hauled away.

The Board will review a draft of new cemetery bylaws at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**RAMP UPDATE:** Representatives from VTrans attended the recent meeting. They indicated that they plan to do a quick layer of new pavement on Route 2 this year, and do the major work in three years.

**GRANTS:** Chris executed the grant agreement for the Better Backroads Program grant, to do an erosion inventory.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL:** The Selectboard executed a contract with the Washington County Sheriffs for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$2,500.

**DOG OFFICER:** Mia Roethlein resigned as dog officer, due to a lack of time. Kathleen Hayes is the other dog officer.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 25, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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