

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Rich Phillips, Mike Farrell, Carl Powden (Vermont Land Trust)

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Easement for Forest Farmers – it was left off the agenda by mistake.

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: Approved the minutes of July 17, 2018.

Forest Farmers Conservation Easement: Carl Powden and Mike Farrell addressed the Selectboard to explain the Forest Legacy Program. They have applied for an easement for the Jerusalem Road property that is being sugared. If approved, any future development will be limited to forestry or sugaring; the property will be perpetually open to pedestrian access. The federal funding has already been allocated but there are several steps to take before the project is approved. They are looking for a letter of support from the Town. Carl Powden stated that if the Vermont Land Trust held the easement, recreation is secondary to the owner's management plan, but with the Forest Legacy Program, each easement is negotiated individually to define how recreation, sugaring, and forestry are governed. The wording for this particular easement is still under negotiation. Since the item was not on the warned agenda, the Board will take this up again at their next meeting.

Generator bids for OSC: The Board received one bid from Brook Field Services. Rich moved to accept the bid for the generator, pad, snow stand, surge protection, and one year of annual maintenance at a cost of \$9,470, and to authorize the Treasurer to send a check for the deposit. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Road Crew will have some site work to do, and there will be a cost for the propane company to run the gas lines. FEMA will pay 75% of the cost of the generator and installation.

Fuel bids: At the last meeting the Selectboard accepted a fixed-price bid for heating oil, but the bid had expired by the time of the Selectboard meeting (the meeting date had changed). Bobbi re-advertised and the Town received one bid. Dead River bid \$2.44 floating price, \$2.53 fixed price. Rich moved to accept the fixed price. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Winter Sand: The highway department will be over budget for winter sand but under budget for gravel.

Roadside Mowing: Teri Lloyd called to request that the Town not mow her flowers. The Road Crew cut one of her lilacs. Chris will talk to the Road Foreman.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the August 7, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
