

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Cemetery Sexton Joe Mangan; Visitor Krister Adams (Vermont State Housing Authority)

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: junk ordinance violation, insurance renewal

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: Approved the minutes of September 11, 2018

Cemeteries: The Selectboard and Sexton Joe Mangan discussed the cemeteries. The last time the Eaton Cemetery fence was painted was in 2012, at a cost of about \$1,200. They agreed that it is too late in the season to do it this year. They discussed the need to do a work plan for the cemeteries; the Town has never done a budget for cemetery work, just decided on a project by project basis. The trees in New Discovery need to be trimmed and some may need to be taken down. There is a stone in Eaton that was probably hit by a car, and it will need to be repaired or replaced. The Board questioned who is responsible for the cost of the repair, since the Town doesn't know who hit it, and whether it would be covered by perpetual care. Joe will get prices for tree removal, and the Board will decide whether to do the work this fall or next year. The Town will put the mowing out to bid this fall so that we can take that into consideration when preparing the Town budget. Joe will take down the gate at Pike Cemetery and bring the hardware to the Town Office to be saved. Bobbi will put all of the mowing projects out to bid.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chris opened the public hearing on the Hollister Hill Apartments project at 6:05. Krister Adams came to explain that the project is finished. The Town received a Community Development Block Grant to be combined with other financing. The CDBG program requires the Town to hold a public hearing when the project is complete. There are 16 apartments, a playground, and a community center. The project was built with energy efficiency in mind. The public hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

Town Garage: Chris has talked to the road crew about the work needed at the Town Garage. The siding is probably original, about 40 years old, and some of it needs to be replaced. The road crew got prices for T-111 and also sheet metal. The prices are about the same per square foot, but not all of the T-111 would need to be replaced. The Board will ask the energy committee to look into weatherization grants for improving the insulation. The Board will get a better estimate for the siding and painting

Policies: The Board discussed a payroll policy and a hiring policy. Laurie moved to adopt both policies as revised. Rich seconded – all in favor.

Permits: The Board approved a permit for Hooker Mountain Farm to do a grand opening of their tasting room at the Marshfield Village Store. The Board approved a permit for Washington Electric to run a power line to the Kennett property on Maple Hill.

Abandoned vehicles: There is a boat that has been left in the Stranahan Town Forest parking lot on the Thompson Road. Chris will contact the owner to find out his intentions. Rich asked about the rules about campers at the covered bridge property. Civil Ordinance #3 prohibits overnight camping on any town property. If the camper is still there, the owners will be given a copy of the ordinance.

Insurance: The Board discussed the property values listed on the town's insurance policy, to see that they are adequate. Bobbi will follow up with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 25, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
