

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Jim Barlow, Laurie Colgan and Chris Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe;

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: none

Public Comment: Allen Banbury spoke regarding the minutes of the last meeting. He disagrees with Dan's statement that the logger damaged the road and the bridge. He stated that the curbing was hemlock and rotting away, and there was no damage to the road. He stated that he did not hire someone to look at the road, but rather the Friends of the Winooski had a presentation by Dana Allen. At the end of the presentation Dana offered to come and do an evaluation of the road. Chris explained that Dan had mentioned ruts in the road caused by the logging trucks. Chris stated that we are not intending to go after the logger's insurance company. Allen stated that the work that the road crew did is very well done.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the October 3 meeting, noting that Allen's comments will be reflected in this meeting's minutes.

School Security Measures: tabled

Police: The Board discussed S.27, a bill proposing to require all towns to provide primary law enforcement.

Sidewalk Snow Removal: The Board approved the specs; bids will be due November 7.

Pellets: The pellets will be put out to bid.

Livestock Statutes: Chris noted that we have been having trouble with cows for over 20 years, and the Town has tried a variety of measures to deal with the issue. He has talked to Representative Janet Ancel about updating the statutes. Jim suggested writing to the state police notifying them that there is a known hazard in the state highway.

Marshfield Dam: The Board updated Jim on the history of communication with GMP. Chris will attend the meeting if he is available.

Cabot Road: The attorney for VTrans gave the opinion that VTrans does not have statutory authority to reclassify the Cabot Road, VT 215, from a class 2 to a class 1 town highway.

Davis dog order: Chris visited the property and found that Vivian has stretched plastic fence

across the front of her property. The dogs could go around the fence. The order required metal fence. The Town will send her a Notice of Violation.

Meeting date: The Selectboard will not have a quorum on November 7, so the meeting date is changed to November 1.

Vacancies: The Board will soon have only one Lister. Jim explained that if no one applies for the job, the remaining Lister can be appointed as Town Assessor until town meeting. Laurie moved to appoint Cathy Chodorkoff as a Library Trustee until Town Meeting. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Cemeteries: The Board received a proposal from Joe Mangan for some work that needs to be done in the cemeteries. The Board decided to wait on painting the fence. They approved of straightening the stones and filling in a sinkhole.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed an application for a permit to install a solar array in the river corridor along the Cabot Road. The permit is issued by the State but the town is notified in case there are questions or concerns.

Records: Bobbi updated the Board about her work reorganizing the records of the Town. The Board approved buying new file cabinets to save space.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 17, 2017 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
