

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Alana Norway, Dwight Duke, Jon Groveman, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:10 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin.

Old Schoolhouse Common: Alana Norway provided the Selectboard with estimates for new lights in the Old Schoolhouse Common. John moved to go ahead with new lighting in the hallways and in the bathrooms, and new LED lights for outside. Chris seconded – all in favor. Alana is going to get back to the Selectboard with an estimate for new lighting in the Old Schoolhouse Common.

Trash Complaint: John received two complaints about trash along the river bank at Dwight Duke's property on SASS Avenue. Dwight feels that much of the trash on the river bank came from upstream. Most of the stuff in the yard is toys belonging to the children that live there. Most of the cars that are there are registered and the tenant has a right to have them. The Selectboard will look at it when they do their road tour.

Romanczak property: The Selectboard discussed the best way to proceed with the sale. They decided that a public auction would be most fair to those interested in the property and the people who did own the property. Bobbi will contact auction firms to see how the process works.

Paving: John submitted an application for a grant to re-pave Creamery Street.

Town Plan: The Selectboard received the draft Town Plan from the Planning Commission, with the Conservation Commission's comments. Jon Groveman explained that the Planning Commission is working on the subdivision regulations.

Planning Commission: Jon Groveman reported that the Planning Commission feels that more members are better, so they would be happy if both Faeterri Silver and Richard Baker are appointed.

Appointments: John moved to expand the Planning Commission to six members, and appoint Faeterri Silver and Richard Baker. Helen seconded – all in favor. Faeterri will be appointed to a one-year term and Rich will be appointed to a three-year term.

Zoning: The Board discussed a suggestion from the Zoning Administrator that zoning fees should be adjusted for commercial buildings because they are more work than residential permits.

Stranahan Town Forest: Angella Gibbons notified the Board that she does not wish to continue

on the stewardship committee. Bobbi will advertise the opening. The Committee notified the Board that John Schmitt will donate time and equipment if the Town will pay for materials to fix a washout on the Thompson Road. The Board approved the request. Chris notified the Board that he hired Dale Brown to remove rocks from the Moon field. Last year one of the rocks did \$6,000 worth of damage to his mowing equipment. The rocks are available to be used as rip-rap on a town job.

Bobbi reported that she received an email detailing ATV damage to trails, stating that the ATV's are accessing the town forest from the Bickford property. At John's suggestion, she sent a letter to the Bickfords and later spoke with Julie Bickford. Julie indicated that the Bickfords do not ride ATV's on any land other than their own, and she doesn't feel that it is her place to monitor the town forest but if anyone asks permission to ride on Bickford land they will be told not to ride in the town forest.

Executive Session: John moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session and did not take any action.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the April 17, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
