

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Energy Committee Member Rich Phillips; Librarian Susan Green; Library Trustee Laurie Colgan; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault; Visitors Brien and Jeanne Ducharme; Mark Perry (Edward Jones); Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair John Warshow

Selectboard: Everyone present thanked Helen Ducharme for her service on the Selectboard. She has decided not to seek another term.

Investments: The Town needs to withdraw 46,820.47 from the cemetery account to pay back the general fund for major expenditures over the last two years, including tree removal and replacement and other special projects. Mark Perry from Edward Jones reviewed the status of the Town's investments, and the current outlook. He explained that state statute 18 VSA 5309 governs the type of investments that the town can have for cemetery funds, and the percentages that may be invested in each type of instrument. Based on his recommendations and to keep the balances within the proper ratios, John moved to sell Mitchell County bonds and Tennessee Valley Authority bonds, and to liquidate the cemetery's money market account, and to begin reinvesting the dividends from our mutual funds. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Mark noted that the Library's account is invested for growth rather than fixed income, and there are no statutory restrictions on how the money is invested

Energy Committee: John moved to grant the Energy Committee's request to donate \$100 towards the John Gailmour residency at Twinfield. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Elections: The Selectboard approved Bobbi's request to purchase a folding cart for moving elections supplies to Twinfield.

Solar Panels: One of the trackers did not move for a few days, because the bottom was frozen in the snow. Dan notified the Board that the panels were installed too close to the ground, so there is not enough clearance to prevent snow building up. Because of the way they were sited, the road crew is not able to use the excavator to remove the snow, so they had to shovel them out by hand. The bank needs to be cut back before next year, to allow better access.

Dogs and Animals: The Town has received complaints about livestock running at large and unlicensed dogs at the property at 13 Peacham Pond Road. George Africa reported that as of today, the pigs are still there (the owner had stated that they were sold). Chris has visited the house and no one was home, and he did not see any animals. He will check again.

The Board asked Bobbi to send a letter to the tenants, instructing them to keep their animals on the

property, license the dogs, and refrain from parking in the road.

Regarding the dog that attacked Gloria Abbiati's dog, John reported that the Pearson dog has been removed from town.

Old Schoolhouse Common: Chris will order and install signs at the OSC reminding people to clean up after their dogs.

Holm Salvage Yard: Mr. Holm sent notice to Zoning Administrator Bob Light that he had eye surgery and has not been able to complete his conditional use application. The Board asked Bobbi to send him notice that although they are sympathetic, the application needs to be completed before their next meeting on Town Meeting Day.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved liquor licenses for Rainbow Sweets and the Marshfield Village Store. They approved the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Selectboard Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 18, 2014 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
