

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Faeterri Silver, Robin Schunk, Melissa Seifert, Dan and Dimples Mucherino, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

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

**Community Garden:** The Board met outside with Faeterri, Robin and Melissa to look at potential garden sites at the Old Schoolhouse Common. The committee is going to check the floodplain regulations and apply for a grant.

**Mowing Bids:** Bobbi explained that the mowing at the Covered Bridge was awarded to Joseph Mulligan last fall.

Patricia Mulligan	\$210.00 per mowing
Abare Lawn Care & Property Services	\$95.00 per mowing
Diversified Landscape Maintenance	\$240.00 per mowing
Maplecrest Enterprises	\$100.00 per mowing

John moved to award the contract to Maplecrest because they have been doing the mowing and the Board has been happy with their work.

**Regional Planning:** Faeterri Silver is no longer interested in serving on the Transportation Advisory Committee because she is volunteering on other committees.

She updated the Selectboard on the final report of the joint committee on consolidation. The proposal is to consolidate the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation. John asked what would happen in case of an ACT 250 permit that is in opposition to the regional plan. At this time the CVRPC can be a party to an ACT 250 appeal. As Faeterri understands it, the regional planning function will still be separate from the economic development function. She feels that the combined organization will be unwieldy because the board will be so large. There is also concern that if only the economic development members attend the meeting, the vote could be vastly different than it would be otherwise. Faeterri is opposed to the idea but needs the Selectboard's feedback before the vote. The Selectboard will read the draft report and try to attend the Regional Planning meeting next Tuesday. They will decide at the next Selectboard meeting whether or not to support consolidation.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan:** The Town had a hazard mitigation plan in 2006 but it needs to be updated. There is help available from Regional Planning if the Town can get a group together to go over the questions that need to be answered.

**Cree Farm Road:** Mr. and Mrs. Mucherino attended to ask the Selectboard when they would prepare a letter regarding a turnaround, as discussed at their last meeting. The Board drafted and

signed a letter to the Mucherinos stating that they will not use their land for a turnaround.

**Trash/Eaton Cemetery:** The Board received a letter from Kelly Myles regarding cars and litter in the Eaton Cemetery. The Board instructed Bobbi to let her know that they share her concerns, and suggested that she get license plate numbers and inform the State Police.

**Bailey Pond Road:** The Selectboard received a letter from Jody Carey, stating that the road to her camp was impassible this spring due to the sugaring operation on Bailey Pond Road. John has been in contact with the Town Attorney and is waiting to hear back from him. Bobbi will send a letter to Mrs. Carey notifying her that the Town is researching our options.

**Listers:** The listers are requesting an extension of the deadline to file the grand list. The Selectboard instructed Bobbi to send a letter to the State requesting a 2-week extension, because the listers' computer is out for repairs.

**Thompson Road:** Between Saturday April 27 and Sunday April 28, someone drove through the Thompson Road and left ruts the length of the road. They moved blocks out of the way, and they must have had a key to the gate. The Road Foreman has put bigger blocks at the Pitkin end of the road.

**Appointments:** The Board made the following appointments:

**Cemetery Sexton:** Ronald Pitkin

**Conservation Commission Members:** Allen Banbury, Steven Fiske, Bob Popp

**Dog Officer:** Jo Guertin

**Energy Committee Members:** Nick Seifert, Joel Trupin, Dan Chodorkoff, John Morris, Lawrence Black, Anne Miller, Richard Phillips

**Fence Viewers:** Robert Brimblecombe, Richard Phillips, Dennis Ducharme

**Fire Chief:** Tim Maclay

**Planning Commission Members:** Faeterri Silver, Les Snow, Michael Schumacher

**Recreation Committee Members:** Drew McNaughton, Laurie Martin, Lincoln Earle-Centers, Penni Ann Stearns

**Representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District:** Alan Taplow

**Service Officer:** Elizabeth Stern

**Stranahan Stewardship Committee Members:** John Domey, James Brimblecombe

**Tree Warden:** Ron Smith

**Zoning Administrator:** Robert Light

**Dogs:** The Board has received a report of numerous unlicensed dogs at the Hollister Hill Apartments. The Board asked Bobbi to invite the building manager to the next Selectboard meeting.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting.

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 May 7, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.

A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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