

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 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 Jim Colgan, Rich Phillips, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

6:15 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin.

**Cree Farm Road:** John moved to sign the Road Discontinuance Order for Cree Farm Road and to have the Town Clerk hold the discontinuance order until we receive a signed easement from TAL, LLC. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board approved the wording of the easement that the Town will receive.

**Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE):** Rich Phillips updated the Board on the PACE program. The program has been revised to address the concerns of many towns. Through this program a homeowner can borrow up to \$30,000 for weatherization or clean energy projects. The program has to be approved by the voters and then the town would sign an agreement with Efficiency Vermont to implement the program. The interest rate would be up to 6.5%. Efficiency Vermont will evaluate the project to see that the power savings will exceed the cost of the loan. If the project qualifies, the money will be borrowed and paid back through Efficiency Vermont. If the payments are not made, the money will be collected through the tax sale process. If the property is foreclosed, there is a fund that could be used to make the loan payments. The costs and fees would all be paid by the homeowner. The Board will research the program and decide whether or not to put it on the warning for town meeting.

**Solar Projects:** Rich reported that the Energy Committee is looking at the feasibility of doing some solar projects in town. They are researching a project at the Old Schoolhouse Common and another project at Twinfield.

**Covered Bridge:** Rich informed the Board that the mowing at the covered bridge is not being done as often as it should be. He brought pictures to show the Board that the grass is higher than the contract specifies. Chris stated that he noticed that it has not been mowed lately. The Board noted that they changed the contract to pay per mowing rather than a flat monthly rate. They will follow up on the mowing.

**Town Plan:** The Selectboard discussed the town plan but did not set a hearing date.

**Meetings:** The Selectboard will meet on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to set the tax rate and discuss the town plan. Their July meetings will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Stranahan Town Forest:** John moved to appoint Diana Batzel to fill the vacancy on the Stranahan Stewardship Committee. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board noted that when the committee was first appointed, they were supposed to set up staggered terms. They drew names to set the following term expiration dates: 2014, Jenny Warshow; 2015, Ed Jalbert and Diana Batzel; 2013, Jim Brimblecombe and John Domey.

**Bridges:** The Selectboard received quotes for painting town bridges.

	<u>Catamount Environmental</u>	<u>Morvan Painting</u>
Upper Depot	\$ 14,500	\$ 12,690
Nasmith Brook	\$ 12,488	\$ 16,420
Patty's Crossing	\$ 13,250	\$ 33,456
Onion River Road	\$ 10,755	\$ 38,448

John will check with the state to see if the work would be eligible for grant funds.

**Junkyard:** The Board continued discussions about how to deal with the junkyard on Maple Hill Road.

**Cemeteries:** The Board signed the contract with Randy Pickel Tree Service in the amount of \$19,800 for removal of trees in Eaton Cemetery. The Town received a temporary easement from Carrie Fischer and Anthony Martinez to allow the tree service to access the cemetery through their property. They executed a cemetery deed to James and Sharon Estivill.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 19, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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