

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault; Library Trustees Pam Quinn and Laurie Colgan; Visitors E.J. Blondin (F.W. Whitcomb), Faeterri Silver, Alan Whitcomb, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

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

Cabot Road Paving: E. J. Blondin spoke for F. W. Whitcomb. He stated that they bid unit prices using our measurements, rather than a lump sum price. They were not aware that the Town was looking for a lump sum bid. Normally this type of work is done as a quantity bid, unless the paperwork specifies lump sum, because it is difficult to predict how many tons of material they will need because the grinding and grading still leaves slight undulations. He stated that they do not bid lump sum jobs on a job this size because of the uncertainty. They did not do extra work in an effort to make more money. They went over within limits that are acceptable to the Vermont Agency of Transportation. John asked when they became aware that they were going over. Mr. Blondin stated that they did not realize there was a problem since they did not realize that the Town expected a lump sum price. John asked whether they asked for a change order. Mr. Blondin said again that they would not have asked for a change order because they did not realize that they were to be held to a lump sum. Helen expressed her frustration that the Town chose them based on the bid, and the bid doesn't really mean anything if they don't stick to it. Mr. Blondin stated that their unit price was much lower than other contracts. He also stated that the slip ramp at the intersection with Route 2 and the Cabot Road was not part of the original bid but Dan asked for that to be done when he showed them the job. He will send the Town a bill for that part of the job. He thanked the Board for their time and regrets the misunderstanding.

Personnel Policy: Pam Quinn and Laurie Colgan came to learn more about the history of the Town's personnel policy and the Library personnel policy. The library policy conflicts with the Town's policy with regard to sick and holiday time for the library's part time employees. They will take a copy of the policy and discuss it with the other trustees.

Guardrail: Dan got a rough number of \$8 to \$12 per foot for used, \$14.50 to \$16.50 per foot for new depending on the size of the job. The estimate is from Vermont Recreational Fencing.

Creamery Street Paving: Dan received two estimates for repaving Creamery Street. The estimates are \$78,500 and \$89,600. The shoulder work will be an additional \$2,700. John will put in a grant application.

Appointments: Faeterri Silver expressed interest in serving on both the Planning Commission and the Energy Committee. Richard Baker has also expressed interest in returning to the Planning Commission. Since there is only one vacancy right now, the Board will ask the Planning Commission for their input about whether they would like to change from 5 members to 6.

New Appointees:

Development Review Board: John noted that both Doug Duprey and James Arisman expressed interest in the vacant seat. John moved to appoint James Arisman because of his prior experience on the Board. Chris seconded – all in favor. John moved to reappoint Vince Feeney. Chris seconded, all in favor.

Fence Viewer: John moved Robert Brimblecombe. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Energy Committee: Chris moved to add Nick Seifert and Faeterri Silver to the Energy Committee. John seconded – all in favor.

Regional Planning Commission Representative: John moved to appoint Michael Schumacher. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Incumbents: Chris moved to reappoint the following town officers. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Cemetery Sexton: Ronald Pitkin

Conservation Commission: Anthony Mayhew, Sarah Norton

Dog Officer: Jo Guertin

Fence Viewer: Richard Phillips, Dennis Ducharme

Fire Chief: Tim Maclay

Planning Commission Member: Jon Groveman

Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee: Michael Sabourin

Representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District: Alan Taplow

Energy Committee: Joel Trupin, Dan Chodorkoff, John Morris, Lawrence Black, Anne Miller, Rich Phillips

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood: Hap Hayward

Recreation Committee Member: Laurie Martin, Penni Stearns, Karen Walker

Service Officer: Beth Stern

Stranahan Stewardship Committee: Jim Brimblecombe, John Domey, Angella Gibbons, Ed Jalbert, Jenny Warshow

Tree Warden: Ron Smith

Weigher of Coal: Albert St. Cyr

Ball Field: Chris has talked to someone to rototill and rake the ball field. He estimates that it would cost between \$650 and \$1,000 for the work. The Board approved the work. It won't be ready for Little League but will probably be ready for soccer in the fall.

Insurance: Dan notified the Board that Ken Williams approached him to report that a stone from one of the Town trucks broke his windshield. Dan noted that no Marshfield trucks were working in that direction on the days that it happened.

Cree Farm Road: The Board received another letter from the surveyor, explaining the proposed endpoint. The Road Inspection will be held on May 15th at 5:30, with the hearing immediately following at the Old Schoolhouse Common.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They executed a cemetery deed to Renford and Helen MacDonald.

Personnel: Chris moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Helen seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 8:45. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the April 3, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
