

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Joe Mangan (Cemetery Sexton); Jonathan Williams

At 5:45 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Laurie Colgan

Changes or additions to the agenda: meeting schedule, grants in aid

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: tabled

Cemetery Issues: Cemetery Sexton Joe Mangan recommends buying back the lots because there are no regulations about it, and then revising the regulations. The Board reviewed Plainfield's regulations as a starting point. They will review the regulations from a few other towns before adopting them. Rich moved to buy back the lots at the price paid. Chris seconded – all in favor.

There is a broken stone in Eaton Cemetery. The Town looked at the cost to replace it, and it would be cost-prohibitive. The family has been contacted and they did not want to pay for a replacement. Joe will find out if it can be repaired or reset the way it is. Joe and the Board discussed ways to prevent cars from driving on the graves and damaging stones.

Chris replaced the trash can in the cemetery, and picked up the trash that was thrown over the wall. It was mostly beer cans.

Bike and Pedestrian Program: Jonathan has spoken with Jon Kaplan, who runs the program. He doesn't feel that the program should be used for just radar speed signs. If the Town applied for radar speed signs in conjunction with other safety improvements, it would be a more compelling application. Jon suggested that if we applied for a scoping study, it could inform the work that VTrans does in the future.

The Board discussed trying to get VTrans to do the signs on Route 2 when they pave, and putting something in the budget for next year for Cabot Road and Creamery Street.

Bobbi suggested that we ask the voters next year if they want to fund a scoping study to look at improvements to Route 2 in the Village.

Jonathan noted that he has spoken with the President of the Village about whether they would contribute to the cost of the signs; she indicated that they might consider it in the future.

Grants: Jonathan noted that there is a recreation grant available. Bobbi suggested that perhaps the Recreation Committee would like to apply for an ice rink that would be easier to set up and maintain than what we have now.

CVFiber: Jonathan updated the Board on the progress that has been made. He is optimistic that the system will be built.

Recording Fees: Bobbi notified the Board that the recording fees are increasing by 50% on July 1st. The Board agreed to increase the amount of the fees that are put into the general fund and the records restoration fund by 50% each. The allocation will now be \$9 into the general fund, and \$6 into the records restoration fund.

Town Fees: The Board reviewed the zoning fees. They were last changed in 2014. They adopted a new fee schedule, effective July 1st. They increased the curb cut permit fee to \$50. The Board added a fee of \$50 for work in the right of way.

Fence: The Board discussed the request by Pierre Dumler to pay for damage to his fence. The Board declined to pay for the damage, because it is improbable that the plow hit the fence, and also the fence is in the town's right of way.

Radon: The Board discussed the possible solutions to the radon issue. They will do more research.

Central Vermont Humane Society: The Board approved the invoice and the contract for stray cats.

Cows: Chris checked the Leibold cows. There is no fence between the Leibold and Dix properties. They have been out for the entire month of May. The Town is investigating whether or not we can draft an ordinance.

DRB Vacancy: At 8:30 p.m., Rich moved to enter executive session to discuss an application. The Board returned to open session at 8:40. They did not make any appointments.

Bunker Hill Circle: Chris has been in contact with the engineer but has not received a report yet. The Town is getting quotes for cleanup. VLCT has been contacted regarding a potential claim.

Grants-In-Aid: The Selectboard signed a letter of intent to participate in the program.

Meetings: The Board will not meet on June 18th; they will meet on June 25th instead, at 2:00 p.m. to meet with the Road Crew.

Correspondence: The Town received an email from Tom Rus regarding mowing at the covered bridge.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 4, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
