

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Library Director Susan Green

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Diesel fuel, Sheriff contract

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: Approved minutes of June 2, 2020

COVID Update: Susan Green asked the Board to clarify the requirements for wearing masks. Rich feels that people should wear masks to protect others and our town employees. Chris feels that people should be wearing a mask if others are around. Laurie thinks we should require masks in the building when people are interacting with each other. Susan noted that other towns have made it a town-wide ordinance. Rich explained that making it a town-wide ordinance would require some form of enforcement. Susan asked whether the Library Trustees can allow people in the Library without masks. The Board wants masks to be worn in the building.

Susan asked about the bathrooms. She would like to have one bathroom dedicated for the library patrons, and she will clean it three times a day. One bathroom will be for the Town Office employees, to be cleaned by Town Office staff. The third bathroom will be shared by other tenants and they will be responsible for cleaning that bathroom. The bathrooms will not be available to the public.

A representative from Little League asked about using the field. The Board does not have any objections, as long as they follow the current guidelines. Bobbi asked whether there should be a portapotty, noting that the building will be closed. The Board instructed Bobbi to tell Little League that if they get teams organized, we will order a portapotty but they have to clean it before and after they use it.

The Vermont Tax Department expects to have tax rates available by the beginning of July, but because homestead declarations are not due until mid-July and won't be processed until the beginning of August, bills will be sent sometime in August and due sometime in September.

The Board approved a resolution, suggested by VLCT, asking the federal government to provide funding to help municipalities recover from the pandemic.

CVFiber: The Selectboard appointed John Morris to the CVFiber Board of Directors.

Application for Commercial Use: River House Yoga has asked permission to hold yoga classes at the covered bridge, at the Stone Circle. The Board approved the application for up to 4 classes per week, provided that the park remains open, and if they want to do more than 4 classes per week

they can come back to the Board for permission.

Flag: The flag at the Old Schoolhouse Common has disappeared. Dan Tetreault can get a new flag, rope, and pully, but he would need to get a bucket truck or some type of lift. Chris will contact Mike Baril to see if he could help out when he is on his way to the cemetery job.

Diesel: Dead River has notified the Town that we have not purchased the contract number of gallons estimated for this year. The Board asked Bobbi to get more information about the contract and the current pricing.

Speed Enforcement: Rich suggested putting a request on Front Porch Forum to get volunteers for an ad hoc committee as approved at town meeting. Laurie moved to approve a contract with the Washington County Sheriff’s Department, and authorized Bobbi to sign the contract.

Livestock Ordinance: The Board reviewed and made minor changes to the draft Livestock Ordinance. The Board intends to adopt a few ordinances at the same time, in order to post them all at the same time.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll, and authorized Rich to sign them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
