

Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Gail Acosta, Todd Williams, Wayne Blanchard, Barbara Petra.

Call to Order: Charlie Howard called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: None.

Review/Approve Minutes: Todd made a motion to accept the minutes; Charlie seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

Town Center Tree: The Select Board discussed the electrical work to be done to restore power to the pine tree on the front lawn. Lights had been purchased last season at a clearance price to be used on the tree. Estimates will be gathered for the repair and update of the electric line.

Vermont State Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal: Charlie will be contacting Jack Pennypacker for further information on this matter before the Town will commit to this service.

Cota & Cota: As in years past, the Select Board received a preliminary agreement for the pre-buy of fuel oil for the Town's heating systems. The \$ 2.52 per gallon price (+/- \$7,500.), for approximately 3,000 gallons will be accepted if, as in the past, Cota will waive the \$500.00 protection fee. Charlie will contact Cota and report back at the next Select Board meeting.

Old Business

Roadside Mowing: Todd has negotiated with Bruce Orchitt on the roadside mowing contract for this year. Additional bidders will be

contacted earlier for future work. There was discussion of doing one pass before July 4th to tidy up the roadsides. Todd will provide the Select Board with a bid by his crew for this work on the blacktop roads only.

PACIF Insurance: Donna Williams has met with Larry Smith and provided the information that is required to draw up an insurance proposal. Larry informed the Town that it is recommended that policies and procedures be updated in accordance with the PACIF. A presentation will be made to the Select Board at a future date.

Johnny SeeSaw's: It was reported that the Town Clerk should receive the Property Transfer Return within the next couple of weeks.

Town Center Parking: Charlie met with Stewart Beattie regarding getting an average count of the cars that are parking for Sunday services in town. Gail will contact Pastor Margaret in spreading the word that the Town Center parking lot is available for parking. Paving/expanding the area behind the Community Center and along the south side of Main Street and use of signs was discussed.

Town Garage/Efficiency Vermont: Work on the heating system and the bathroom at the garage will be getting started soon. Gail will be contacting Efficiency Vermont and requesting an efficiency audit. Contractors have been lined up and all permits are in place. Charlie is hoping to have the work completed by October 1, 2015.

Grants: No grants for roads have been approved for this year.

Other Business

Dead Deer: Since the incident on Hapgood Pond Road, the Select Board would like to get a clear chain of command and protocol for the removal and disposal of killed wildlife.

Resignation: John Acosta resigned from his position as Town Lister. Charlie will review the procedure for the filling of the position and take the necessary steps for finding a replacement.

Road Forman Report: Wayne reported that all is good once again. A resident has been doing logging to the satisfaction of the Town. Safety signs have been researched for purchase to aid in the compliance of road work regulations. Charlie made a motion to purchase these signs at approximately \$1,600.; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Dust control liquid has been ordered and waiting for delivery. Additional gravel has been ordered as a buffer/backstock for the Town's gravel needs. The Select Board is considering increasing the budget for gravel in 2016-17. There are 5 - 20 foot culverts on South Road that need to be addressed this year. It was mentioned about the condition of the split rail fence in front of the Community House. Charlie will talk to Suzanne Ragone in this regard.

Review Bills/Approve Payment: The Select Board reviewed pay order and approved payment of all bills.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
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Peru, VT
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