

Selectboard Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2014
Approved

Present: Selectboard members Scott Bassage, John Brabant, Denise Wheeler; Donna Fitch, clerk; Planning Commission members Richard Quelch, Jack Russell, John McCullough, Jan Ohlsson, Betsy Parah; Doug Lilley, Paul Rose, Geraldine Gilman, Stephanie Kaplan, Jennifer Whitman.

Chair Denise Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7pm, continuing the meeting from July 28, 2014.

Petition Filed for Special Town Meeting - Denise read a petition requesting a special meeting to vote the Kellogg Hubbard Library budget by Australian ballot. (A petition was also received by the Elementary School Board requesting a special meeting to vote the school budget by Australian ballot.) A lawyer at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) was consulted. The Selectboard is not required to hold a meeting because the petition was not filed within 30 days of the vote at town meeting on these same questions. Denise will check with another attorney for additional advice and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Town Plan Review with Planning Commission 8/4/14 Draft - Natural Resources: Change "Planning Commission will adopt" to "Planning Commission will consider adopting." Not adding regulatory guidance right now. Stephanie Kaplan noted that the Planning Commission suggested putting some resources in an addendum (turtles for example) that are unable to be identified at this time. Deer yards are mapped, but turtles are not. Planning Commission will start with larger, identified and mapped resource areas and work their way down to smaller resource areas. Action plans were discussed. Shoreland: Discussed differences between town zoning and state shoreland zoning. Conservation Commission thinks town's zoning regulations need revising. Jack Russell prefers the use of "clarify zoning regulations" instead of using the words "shall put in zoning regulations." On Page 12, Paul Rose questioned Goal 1 "Maintain, restore or increase populations of rare...", Plan of Action, section b. Planning Commission will clarify. Jack pointed out that Page 7 "Goal 1 – Protect the town's surface water...", section d, is a new section. The term "regulatory guidance" was discussed and alternate terms suggested. Agriculture: Denise noted the long list of "to dos" assigned to the Selectboard. Denise asked that "obtain a grant for soil mapping" be removed from the Selectboard's responsibilities. Discussion of liability and hold harmless. How is that going to be done? Discussion of what is town vs. legislature's responsibility. Planning Commission to clarify "secondary containment vessels" on page 5. Use the word "shall" or use "voluntary" reporting to town? Clarify what is meant by food security. On page 7, "#2 Farms" list: add wine. Jan Ohlsson explained that the list is meant to convey an agricultural system that is more than food. John Brabant asked that community composting be defined. Denise said it should be made clear that this refers to town composting only (not a for-profit composting facility).

John Brabant suggested the term "regulatory implementation" rather than regulatory guidance. –

Several maps that will be in the town plan were reviewed. Denise noted the good teamwork and communication between the Selectboard and Planning Commission. Scott said this process (reviewing town plan sections individually at meetings separate from regular Selectboard meetings) has been a good way to go about reviewing the town plan. There are still sections to review. The Selectboard will pick a date for another meeting. The remaining sections are short and may be able to be reviewed at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Fitch, Clerk