

Selectboard Meeting

May 11, 2015

Approved

Present: Selectboard members Rose Pelchuck, John Brabant, Denise Wheeler, Scott Bassage. Planning Commission members Jan Ohlsson, Jack Russell, John McCullough, Gary Root, Paul Rose. Drew Lamb, Conservation Commission. Peg Tasse, Dirk Vansusteren (Maple Corner Community Center), Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette), Alfred Larrabee, Road Commissioner. Absent: Toby Talbot.

Chair Denise Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Expense Note

Denise made a motion to sign the "Resolution Current Expense Borrowing" document from Merchants Bank to borrow from a line of credit up to \$80,000. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. This is a line of credit for current expenses and only the amount needed will be used. A loan in anticipation of taxes will be taken out for July 1, 2015.

Paying Listers When They Attend Training

Should the listers be paid their hourly salary when they attend training? The town receives approximately \$392 a year from the State for lister training. Denise made a motion to pay listers a \$100-a-day stipend when attending training, in lieu of their hourly, rate up to \$300 per lister per year. Rose seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Trustee of Public Funds

Phyllis Chase resigned as Trustee of Public Funds. John Brabant made a motion to appoint Steve Killoran as Trustee of Public Funds effective immediately through the term ending 2016. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

April 27 Minutes

Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015. Rose seconded the motion and made a couple changes. The minutes were approved 4-0 with the changes.

Road Commissioner Update

Denise said she has received lots of positive feedback regarding the roads. "Nice work!" The road crew is attending a two-day Vermont Local Roads safety class this week. Clay boils that have arisen on the roads this spring have been marked and will be fixed as time allows and depending on whether grants are received for other projects. The town did not receive the structures grant for the North Calais retaining wall. Concern about not receiving the grant was expressed. The Board felt it had received assurance from the Agency of Transportation that the town would be eligible for the grant this year when the grant was "given back" last year when the town didn't have the matching money.

A grant was received for resurfacing the last mile of the County Road.

The Center Road culvert is a project for this summer. Public hearings will be held in June before the project begins. Alfred has met with the engineer several times, including options about how to potentially change the intersection at Center/Haggett/Adamant roads. Alfred pointed out there are safety issues at this intersection and there are no signs. This is the time to talk about the intersection when we are changing the culvert, he said.

Rose reported that at the last Roads Committee meeting, the general consensus was not to change the intersection. The committee reviewed drawings from Barbara Weedon, but decided the need for parking, the fact that it is the village center, and several reasons to keep the space open (Friday night cookouts, Black fly Festival) led to the decision to keep it "as is." Alfred said he and an engineer spent three hours measuring the intersection, and the engineer will discuss options at the public meeting. Alfred stated he hoped there would not have to be several public hearings before he could move forward with the work. The Board stated it would be helpful to have the engineer's plan available ahead of time for people to look at, including posting on the web site. The public meeting should be advertised as widely as possible so everyone in Adamant knows about it.

Operations Manager Reappointment

John made a motion to reappoint Toby Talbot as operations manager through December of 2015. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Vtrans Certification of Compliance for Road and Bridge Standards

Scott made a motion to sign the Vtrans Certification of Compliance for Road and Bridge Standards. The motion was seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Sibley Curb Cut

The location is the old Lamb Road off Luce Road. The entrance is steep where it enters from Luce Road. Fill will be needed, and water runs across Lamb Road. The curb cut for 710 Luce Road was approved with conditions: 20' from traveled portion of road no more than 3% grade. A 15" culvert must be installed. Motion passed 4-0.

Town Plan

Denise praised the Planning Commission for their extensive work on the Town Plan. She appreciated that each section was issued separately throughout the process as it was completed. Extensive discussion ensued. (At 8:30, it was decided to push discussion of the Curtis Pond Island Ordinance to the next meeting, with apologies to Dirk and Peg.) The Planning Commission will make the agreed upon changes and bring the document back to the Selectboard.

Selectboard Meeting May 18

The next selectboard meeting will be Monday, May 18. The agenda will include Historic Preservation Commission member ordinance, Curtis Pond Ordinance, dog warrant and the dog ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fitch, Clerk