

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

*Approved Minutes*

February 14, 2011

7pm Calais Elementary School

**Attending:** Denise Wheeler, John Brabant, Cy Lamberton, Scott Bassage, Peter Harvey, Alfred Larrabee, Jason Fielder and Rose Pelchuck.

**Absent:** Mike Garand

### **Actions:**

Approval of the January 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes: The Selectboard reviewed the Minutes and one change was made. John Brabant made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded, voted on and carried 4-0.

New Town Clerk & Treasurer Compensation: The Selectboard discussed salary for the incoming town clerk and treasurer. Currently we pay salary plus the town clerk gets the recording fees. Jeff Fothergill will meet with the Selectboard at the next meeting to discuss the current practice and going forward. Cy Lamberton suggested keeping the status quo for a year and see how it goes. "We don't know if more help will be needed after Eva is done" Cy said. The Selectboard has not made any decision on changing the compensation.

Access to the VAST trail for Roy & Lori Scott: Jason Fielder, local club president, recommends amending the current list of approved highway use by snowmobiles by adding 500 feet access in order for the Scott's to get to the VAST trail from Justa Road. Cy Lamberton made a motion to approve this request to amend the previously approved list. The motion was seconded, voted and carried 4-0. Jason will come next time for two more access amendments.

### Reports and Updates:

- Ancient Roads – Darby Bradley noted the Committee on Unmapped and Unmaintained Roads will meet soon and will be contacting landowners to begin work in the spring.
- Posting Collar Hill Road – The Worcester Selectboard met to discuss redirecting traffic away from Collar Hill Road due to the concerns raised by some Calais residents. They like the idea of posting Calais Worcester Road as the recommended truck route. The Worcester Selectboard is willing to pay half the sign cost and do the installation on the Worcester side of Collar Hill Road.
- Signs – Alfred Larrabee talked about installing the new traffic signs on Marshfield Road. Alfred has not heard from Mike Garand about getting the posthole digger and splitting the cost between Calais and East Montpelier.
- Grant Paperwork for paving one mile of the County Road for next fiscal year was discussed.
- E-Vermont meeting on Wednesday Scott Bassage reported.
- VLCT will meet with the road crew about health insurance to fully inform the road crew about health insurance options.
- VLCT Municipal Financial Responsibility Committee – Denise Wheeler has been asked to serve on this committee.

### Other Business:

- Continuing Education for Selectboard members in April – Scott would like to attend.
- Highway Department: Alfred Larrabee reported the winter sand pile is good; salt pile is okay. Alfred is trying to use less salt on the County Road and wait till the snow subsides rather than pour salt down on the blacktop.

Town Meeting – Review the Warning: The Selectboard reviewed each article and assigned those who expect to move the article and speak to each article. Alfred Larrabee and Cy Lamberton will talk about the purchase of a new truck on the Warning when it comes up for discussion at Town Meeting. The Selectboard discussed the highway equipment fund and planning for purchasing a new road grader next year.

Tentative Agenda for the February 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

- Town invoices and Road Commissioner's Orders of the Day
- Jeff Fothergill – compensation for new town clerk & treasurer
- Jason Fielder – snowmobile access
- Kevin Wells – ROW traffic concerns on Route 14
- John Simanskas – need to ask Trustee of Public Funds for \$3,300.00 for Cemetery Commission.

Cy made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. The motion was seconded, voted and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Pelchuck  
Selectboard Secretary