

Selectboard Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016
Approved

Present: Selectboard Members Scott Bassage, John Brabant, Rose Pelchuck, Toby Talbot, Denise Wheeler; Town Clerk Donna Fitch; Planning Commission Members John McCullough, Gary Root, Jan Ohlsson; Alfred Larrabee, Road Commissioner; Woodbury Fire Department Stephen Morse and Paul Cerutti; Guy Rouelle, Woodbury Selectboard; Barbara Sherrington, Jan Schultz, Susannah Blachly, Tim Maker, Cynthia Johnson.

Chair Denise Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Appointments

Scott Bassage made a motion to appoint Susannah Blachly to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the term expiring in 2017. Rose seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Operations Manager Update

Regarding town meeting and FY2017, Toby Talbot reported he will soon have the final cost of a new truck which will be included in the town meeting warning. He is also updating the Highway Capital Plan. The estimated cost of the proposed town garage addition is waiting for John McCullough to finish plans so Toby can get an estimate on the cost to build. John's wife has made a "to do" list for John and the garage is on it. Toby reported the speed cart that the town has use of was originally given to Calais, Marshfield and Plainfield. It was registered by Plainfield, but the registration has expired and Plainfield is no longer interested in using it. Plainfield has offered to find out if Marshfield is still interested. Toby will look into transferring the title to Calais.

Delinquent Tax Sale

Toby made a motion to approve Attorney Gloria Rice for the current delinquent tax sale. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Solar Siting Committee

Planning Commission (PC) member Jan Ohlsson said the PC is researching solar siting. She would like the research to come through the PC. Denise said Rich Cowart would like to be on a solar siting committee and also suggested Neal Maker. Toby proposed having a group as a subcommittee of the PC, reporting to the Selectboard. If the group is appointed by the Selectboard, it has to follow the open meeting law. Jan has met and spoken with a couple people, but needs other stakeholders involved, such as Conservation Commission. Tim Maker pointed out that 75% of Calais is served by Washington Electric Co-op with rates that are not as attractive as Green Mountain Power or Hardwick Electric (the other companies that serve Calais).

Woodbury Fire Department (WFD)

Paul Cerutti and Stephen Morse presented the WFD's FY17 budget. They reported the next

truck purchase may be in 2018. The department has received fewer calls than last year, but they have been more challenging. Space for vehicles, training and day-to-day operations continues to be a problem. The WFD spent the last year working with the Woodbury Village Committee which issued a report in December 2015 that identified potential solutions to keep WFD in the village.

Rose made a motion to approve the WFD “three-year average” budget of \$26,768 for FY17, which includes \$4,154 for dispatching, and the truck payment of \$13,660. John seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Town Plan

Quote of the Day: Gary Root, “Out of contention comes excellence.”

“Section V. Regulatory Implementation – Revised by PC & SB 1/5/16” was reviewed.

Section b. The words “undue influence” replaced with “harmful impact.” “Significant wildlife habit” added to this section.

Section c. Definition of large solar array = 50 KW.

John Brabant read an email from Drew Lamb, Conservation Commission member, who said it is important to refer to “mapped” streams rather than “named” streams in order to best protect waterways.

Section nj. “Named” replaced with “mapped, perennial” and a reference to GSGS map as accepted by the Selectboard will be added.

Additional changes were made on John Brabant’s copy and John emailed the document to Planning Commission. The public hearing will be scheduled for February 1. The Planning Commission will update the Summary Report. Donna will advertise the meeting.

Zoning Changes

Section 1.4 Permits and Approvals. Item #7 - Curb cuts rewritten to clarify the difference between a curb cut permit and a driveway permit.

All other recent changes relate to vegetative management in the shoreland district, unhooking the previous draft from the State Shoreland Protection Act to make the Calais regulations “ours.” The wording is based on the State Shoreland Protection Act and inspired by the towns of Greensboro and Elmore who have been granted the right by the State of Vermont to issue shoreland permits.

The Selectboard and Planning Commission agreed that the next steps are Selectboard approval of the zoning updates and then it will be voted on by Australian ballot at town meeting. John

McCullough pointed out there is more work to do before the State will allow the town to issue its own permits. The Planning Commission will continue to work on that aspect of the regulations.

Town Meeting Warning

The Warning was reviewed and it was decided to review the FY17 budget on January 18.

A motion was made, seconded and passed 5-0 to continue the meeting until Monday, January 18 at 7pm to work on the FY17 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fitch, Town Clerk