

Select Board Meeting
Town Office
April 11, 2023, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Clinton Woolley, Chad Farrar, Dennis Devereux, Jim Seward, Stephen Michel, Chris Pratt, Jim Lockett (via Zoom), David Johnson, Jon McCann, Phil Crane, Les Deyette, Brigid Sullivan (Zoom), Jim Lockett (Zoom), Zena Gates, Andy Shulz.

1. Call to Order: Jeff Chase was unable to attend; the Select Board proceeded on items that did not require Board action.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. The Select Board Clerk noted that an item should be added regarding repairs for the town office.
4. Approval of March 21st Minutes. Tabled until next meeting.

5. Reports

- a. Highways & Transfer Station Update: Road Foreman Clinton Wooley noted that the Highway Department has begun grading, though the ground is still frozen. Mr. Woolley submitted three proposals for a new loader. He reminded the Select Board that the Transfer Station could use another part-time attendant for part-time hours in an on-call situation.
- b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report: The Town received the annual state reappraisal funds and the Equalized Education Grand List funds (EEGL). Treasurer Elizabeth Karle noted that the town has earned about \$900 in interest this month. Solid Waste Labels are on track to be slightly under-budget if current trends continue. The Town is a bit over-budget on town truck repairs.
- c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update: Jon McCann noted that most planning commission members attended the March 29 meeting regarding the new flood hazard and river corridor bylaw. He added that he will be attending two upcoming VLCT workshops: one on energy efficiency for municipal buildings and one regarding open meeting laws.
 - i. Appoint Administrative Officer: The Board will table the decision.
 - ii. Proposals for Land Records Preservation (Volumes 1-10). Mr. McCann noted that the Town is due to digitally preserve its early record books (volumes 1-10), which are deteriorating. The Board will table the decision.
- d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update: Commission member Phil Crane noted that the Commission seeks Select Board input on a proposal to purchase ~3 dozen injectors and the required chemical needed to protect Ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). If approved, the Commission will lend the injectors to landowners and provide the chemicals at cost so the landowners can treat their trees themselves. Mr. McCann noted that an inventory of ash trees

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should be done to best prepare for the EAB crisis. Mr. Clinton noted that there is a very large number of ash trees in the Town right-of-way.

6. New Business

- a. Review Opioids Settlement Agreement: The Board noted that the Town would continue to participate as it has done.
- b. Reappoint EMD: Tabled.
- c. Reappoint Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Alternative: Tabled.
- d. Review Conflict of Interest Policy: Tabled.
- e. Review Rutland Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement: Tabled.
- f. Submit Comments for State Hazard Mitigation Plan: Tabled.
- g. Sign Contract for Municipal Planning Grant: Tabled for special meeting.
- h. Approve New Computer Purchase - Treasurer's Office: Tabled.
- i. Property Request re: 2676 Sawyer Hill Road: Mr. Luckett would like the Select Board's permission to place electrical lines under Sawyer Hill Road to provide power to his property. Mr. Turco noted that there are specific criteria that property owners need to meet, but that the Select Board and Road Foreman do not foresee an issue from the Town's perspective. Mr. Woolley noted that he can provide the road cut surface policy requirements to Mr. Luckett, alongside the permit. The Select Board Clerk will send the policy.
- j. Town Office Repairs: The Select Board will reach out for quotes for exterior building repairs and for replacement of fluorescent bulbs.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

- a. Junk Ordinance Complaints: The Select Board received a complaint from Greg Buck regarding a property that he believes is violating the Junk Ordinance. The Select Board noted that they will continue to contact the property owner and tenant.
- b. Revision of Junk Ordinance: The Select Board Clerk received guidance from VLCT regarding guidance for an updated ordinance. The Clerk will provide a draft for review at the next monthly meeting.

8. Citizen Comments:

- a. The Select Board Clerk noted that the Select Board received two letters from residents expressing concerns about the possibility of the Belmont Store becoming a bar, due to the possible concerns regarding parking, noise, etc. Residents expressing concerns are Jane Hill and Margaret Glezen.

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- b. Dennis Devereux noted that tree maintenance will be performed prior to volunteer clean-up work at Green Cemetery.
9. Announcements
 10. Review & Sign Orders
 11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed)
 12. Adjourn

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for Zoom information.