



REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Montgomery Elementary School
Monday, January 21st 2018
6:30pm

Selectboard Members: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette, Jacob Racusin (at 6:45 PM)

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Jeffrey Curtis, Roxanne Curtis, Anita Woodward, Larry Letourneau, Matt Cote, Susan McAllister, Gary McAllister, Sharon Perry, Amie Docker, Nicole Gendian, Mary Richardson, David Richardson, Virginia Luneau, John Messier, Hannah Messier, Roland June, Vincent Cutter, Dorelyn Ladd, David Ladd, Sabra Massey, Carol Farmer, Pat Farmer, Donna Kane, Mark Kane, Abram Barnard, Cathy Keller, Landon Joyal, Tim Joyal, Jeremy Poirier, Travis Doe, Lynn Locher, Peter Locher, Trevor Walker, Brent Godin, Berry East, Randy Cutter, Mark Baker, Richard Wheeler, Carl Root, Melissa Haberman, Dave Burns, Hazen Cota, Roberta Baker, John Kuryloski, Don Bilodeau, Amy Rifenburg, Bruce Mercy, Alissa Hardy, Luke Hardy, Jack Carpenter, Arthur Tibbits, Joe Sherman, Daniel Morris, Connor Pratt, Daniel Richardson, Jerod Adams, Susan Riley, Jamie Edwards, Matt Mercy, Arnold Mercy, David Mercy, Sandy Alexander, Colleen Pratt, Marlene Hambleton, Louis Danderand, Tom Stanley, Karen Stanley, Klaus Voss, Marijke Dollois

Charlie called meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
2. Review/approve minutes of the January 7th meeting (*tabled until after ATV discussion*)

Darren moved to approve the minutes of January 7th, seconded by Leanne, passed 4-0, with one abstention.

3. ATV Ordinance: VASA request to open Rt. 58

Charlie introduced the topic, discussing conversation ground rules, expectations, existing ordinances and standards, and itinerary for the evening.

- a. VASA and VT Fish and Game (invited)

→ VASA President Jeff Curtis gave a brief overview of VASA. This is the 21st year of VASA, June 8th annual membership meeting will be held in Bakersfield. VASA is an ATV organization similar to VAST, but specific to ATVs. 17 existing clubs in the state of VT. Organization promotes ATV safety, ATV courses, pays for enforcement through contracted warden service and inspections. Request from VASA (and a portion of

community) is to open Rt. 58 to ATV travel, allowing for new connection between Regan Road and Gibou to form connection from Lowell-Bakersfield. "Trail access decal" recommended by VASA in ordinance for legal permission for ATVs to use VASA trails. Recommended ordinance include mandate for use on Town Roads. Charlie pushed back on why the town should require a third-party decal for town road use (exclusive of VASA trails). Discussion ensued around registration fees and license fees contributing to warden presence and enforcement via VASA contract. VASA also holds insurance policy.

→ VT Fish and Game : Carl Whedon, Josh Hungerford provided overview of Dept. operations. Each game warden is assigned 6-8 towns that they cover. Wardens do not usually do direct ATV control unless contracted with VASA, short of blatant violations. Can the town contract independently of VASA? If a community does not have a contract with VASA, the warden is authorized to enforce municipal ordinances but only will do so if contracted with the town. There is still some lack of clarity on this aspect (town's ability to contract for check-point in trouble areas similar to relationship with VASA)

- b. Public Comment Period
Discussion ensued, with each Montgomery tax payer present allowed to voice their opinion or ask questions of those present from VASA, V TF&W. Petitions were presented to the board on both sides of the issue re: opening Rt. 58.
4. FY19 Municipal Budget: Review as proposed from budget committee and adoption by Board
→ Primary employee budget compensation changes are between having an appointed versus elected Town Clerk and Treasurer on salary versus hourly rate with adjusted wage.
→ Discussion ensued regarding variations between the two versions of projected budget.
5. Town Meeting 2019 (draft Warning, Town Report, timeline review)
→ Discussion ensued around draft warning articles for consideration by voters
6. Proposal for resolution of complaint to Commissioner of Vermont State Police regarding VSP targeting local small business.
→ Discussion regarding recent incident at Snow Shoe Pub, as well as ongoing concern over VSP activity impact on local business, with several examples given. Board will draft a joint letter to Lt. asking for clarity in internal policy and activity in community.
7. Overweight Truck Permits
Mark moved to approve RG Gosselin, Gosselin Water Wells, Inc., and Newport Sand and Gravel Co. overweight truck permits, seconded by Darren. Passed unanimous 5-0.
8. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses
9. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
10. Review Action Items for Board Members

11. Adjourn

Jacob moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12pm, seconded by Leanne. Passed unanimous. 5-0.