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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION**

PSB Conference Room

Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 6:30 p.m.

**UNAPPROVED**

Selectboard members present: Charlie Hancock-Chair, Scott Perry-Vice chair, Mark Brouillette, Sarah Silva

Visitors: Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Amy Cochran, Barry Kade, Barry East, Joe Sherman, Sara Cushing

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

- 1. Review and make any changes to the agenda.** Under new business add item for Driveway Permits and Town Website/emails item 1a.
  - a. 1a. Town Website/Email:** The towns' website was experiencing issues last Thursday, our webmaster Zach Scheffler was contacted to fix the issue. He will continue to investigate what caused the glitches and contact the board if there are any further problems. Charlie noted his concern that due to the website malfunction that the agenda may not have been available for the public, although when board members and visitors were asked, all indicated they had no trouble retrieving the agenda information and that meeting minutes seemed to be the only documents that would not open online. Sarah was also experiencing trouble with sending emails and has since created a new email address:  
[silvaselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:silvaselectboard@gmail.com)
- 2. Review/approve minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup> & September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of Sept 12<sup>th</sup> as amended, seconded by Mark. Discussion was had about the minutes and the previous motion made by Mark about holding the Bond Vote on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Sarah stated that she felt it may be confusing to the voters if the motion from the minutes is not stated as an 'amendment' due to the change from the original intended date of November 8<sup>th</sup>; although the intention of the selectboard was to

hold the Bond Vote in conjunction with the General Election (November 8<sup>th</sup>) the original motion to hold a vote in November did not expressly select a date given the discussions happening at that time. It was not until September 12<sup>th</sup> that a date was included in a motion resulting in the decision to hold the vote on November 15<sup>th</sup> in light of the tensions about a potential lawsuit and disagreements over interpreting state statute Title 24. The motion to approve the minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup> was passed by a vote of 3-1. Further discussion carried over into the minutes of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Charlie recused himself from the next vote due to his absence during that meeting. Scott motioned to approve the Sept 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as written, seconded by Mark, motion failed by 2-1-1 abstention. Scott called for a revote by voice: Mark yea, Scott yea, Sarah nay, Charlie recused. Motion failed and the board agreed to carry this over to the next meeting.

### 3. Public Works

#### a. Roads and Bridges

- i. **Grant Status. Amended Paving, Structures Route 58, Better Back Roads/Culvert Grant, USFW Culvert Grant for AOP design.** Michael updated the board on the status of the various grants for the town. The amended paving grant just needs to be signed by Mark and sent in for completion.
- ii. **Creager Road.** Michael needs to create a new turnaround for this winter for the new truck for plowing purposes. He proposed making the turnaround on a portion of the Sylvesters' land further up on Creager Road where there is an open area that is level without structures or fences. Charlie touched on the subject of Jill Sylvesters email to the board and stated that he had called her and had not heard back. Michael indicated that Creager road had been graded more than three times versus other class four roads that were only graded once and that weather, as well as increased traffic, can alter the composition of the roads. He will check out the road again to see what can be done and Mark will follow up to speak with Jill about road issues.
- iii. **Longley Bridge.** Carry over
- iv. **Brady Road.** Carry over
- v. **Black Falls Brook Beaver Dam.** Michael said the dam seems to posing no further issue and suggested it may be best to let nature run its' course but he will continue to monitor.

#### b. Buildings & Grounds

- i. **PSB Alarm.** Doug Kopacz is working on separating security lines for the alarm system. The board discussed the possibility of combining the alarm security with the monitoring contracts and working solely with Summer Electric versus the company we are currently using.
- ii. **Main Street Office Repair.** Tim Murphy is planning to do the repairs to the post office stairs/ramp over the weekend, Monday the post office will be closed for Columbus Day, allowing him an extra day in case the work cannot be finished on Sunday. It was also brought to Michael's attention that there is a broken window pane at the Grange Hall that needs repair,

Marijke confirmed that the window accidentally slammed shut at the last event held there causing the outer pane to break. Michael will look into replacing it. Michael also brought to the boards' attention a service that Clarks Trucks offers called 'On Command Connection'. This service is setup within the trucks and allows for remote connection to diagnose problems with the truck if something goes wrong allowing them to determine whether the truck can still be run or not to prevent further damage when they are out on the roads. Michael will look into this further and find out the costs associated with this. The generator up at the school is in place also but has not yet been hooked up, the board will touch base with Doug to confirm the electricals are in order allow the hook up to be completed.

4. **Visitors:** The shelter management group has disbanded and Sue Wilson is returning \$131.00 that was left over from the original \$500.00 appropriation to the town clerk's office to be put back into the general fund. Several residents attended the meeting to discuss the issues surrounding manure spreading and the potentially negative effects this is having on the environment and local people. Attendees voiced concerns about the chemicals that are in the manure and how it is effecting air quality. The increase in spreading and chemical usage seem to be a progressive issue that Joe Sherman feels will only get worse within our community and have a larger impact environmentally and personally. Community members were also interested in whether other municipalities were involved in and whether the town could budget monies to conduct air sampling tests. Charlie mentioned that the town land that is currently being leased for agricultural use has been brought up before and there has been discussion about not renewing the lease and turning the land back into woodland or flood plain; as it stands now the state mandates the agricultural businesses therefore the town cannot step in to regulate how/when farms can spread manure and as Mark pointed out there are some cornfields that are not owned by the town surrounding the land that the Hurtubise lease. The board agreed that they will reach out to invite the Hurtubise to the next meeting.
5. **Hazard Mitigation Plan / Local Emergency Operations Plan.** Carry over Local Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is being drafted by Shaun Coleman after meeting with Mark, Michael, and Greg Lucas; he plans to complete the draft and submit this to the board for approval.
6. **Water Commission.** Mark will follow up with Amy about her email regarding the water quality and will obtain a water testing kit for her. Mark updated the board on the meter reader and the issues he had with the new system when reading water meters last week. He met with Chris Goodrich who informed him of the glitches the company has found with the new readers and they had to reinstall the old reader software to finish water readings. Mark will be in touch with him to work on resolving this issue.
7. **Old Business**
  - a. **Stanion Case.** Carry over.
  - b. **New Town Office information outreach.** The board reviewed the draft postcard that will be sent out to all registered voters in town to spread the word about the Bond Vote and the informational meetings they plan on holding on Thursday

November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Scott made a motion to have the postcard information also posted on the town website, seconded by Mark, the motion passed 4-0. Charlie shared with the board a draft of frequently asked questions/answers surrounding the new town office in an effort to inform the public about the process of how the vote first came about and what steps have been taken up to this point. The board each took a copy for review and will carry this over to the next meeting.

**8. New Business**

- a. Town Lands/Lease Agreement.** Charlie will reach out to invite Wayne Hurtubise to the next meeting to discuss the lease agreement.
- b. Municipal Planning Grant Resolution (Conservation)** The conservation commission has been working on a program for a natural resource atlas/inventory that could be helpful for planning and informational purposes in town. The overall cost of this is \$19,000.00, the town match being less than \$4000.00, which Charlie confirmed is already available in the Conservation budget. Mark motioned to approve the Municipal Planning Grant Resolution for a town-wide natural resource inventory with the matching funds taken out of the Conservation Commission. The motion passed 4-0.
- c. Driveway Permits.** The board reviewed two driveway permits, Mark and Michael have done the site visits and there are no culverts needed on either one. Scott motioned to approve the driveway permit for Matt Lareau, seconded by Sarah, motion passed by 4-0. Scott motioned to approve the permit for Matt and Barb Paggi, seconded by Sarah the motion passed by 4-0.

**9. Open Mail/Sign Orders/Administrative Matters.** All order were signed at this time.

Scott motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Sarah. The board adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Reighley