



REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Town Office
Monday, April 18, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
UNAPPROVED

Selectboard members present: Scott Perry-chair, Charlie Hancock-vice chair, Mark Brouillette, Colin Sorenson

Visitors: Becca Cummins, Jeff Curtis, Darren Drevik, Brendan O'Shea, Deanna Robitaille, Justin Roque, Kevin Scheffler, Michael Snider

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

- 1. Review and make any changes to the agenda.** Two subjects were added to New Business; line items: F "Meeting with VT Land Trust" and G "School Agenda Posting"
- 2. Review/approve minutes of April 4 and 12, 2016.** Mark motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 4th as written, seconded by Charlie, and motion passed 4-0. Mark motioned to approve meeting minutes of April 12th as written, Charlie seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.
- 3. 2016 First Quarter Budget review.** A brief discussion took place regarding the purpose of budget reviews done throughout the year for new board members. A 1st quarter report of expenses and revenues was presented for members to familiarize themselves with before a more in-depth review will take place.
- 4. Public Works (Roads and Bridges, Buildings and Grounds).**
 - a. Grants: Route 58 amended Paving Grant, Structures Grant for Route 58, Bridge and Culvert Inventory – Better Back Roads.** The Better Back Roads grant is moving towards approval phases according to Mark. Paving Grant and Structures are still in engineering and hydraulic studies phases; it was noted that should the town not receive all of the grant funding that NRPC will continue to lend their support with generating our culvert inventory. Mark made a motion to authorize his signature on the completed application for the Better Back Roads Grant, this was seconded by Colin, and passed by a vote of 4-0.
 - b. Route 118 Bridge 19 design update.** Carry over.
 - c. Letter request for lowering speed limit on Route 118 near Riverwalk Park.** Colin prepared a letter for members to review. The letter detailed the request to lower speed limits in lieu of residential areas, blind corners, and increased safety for traffic approaching town. Mile markers, bridge numbers, and current signage were obtained by Colin to submit to the Traffic

Committee to make a decision about lowering speeds. Discussion was had regarding the letter and edits to be made for increased clarity as well as including a State map of the roadways. In addition to editing it was suggested that the overall speed consideration be lowered to 30MPH in general to create consistency surrounding the Riverwalk areas up through to the center of town.

d. Longley Bridge Project update. Board members agreed that the timber from Longley Bridge is not an interest for the town at this time.

e. Equipment and Personnel. Warrants for the new trucks were signed, and Michael outlined the warranty options for the new Ford 550. The board opted for the 7-yr warranty on the new vehicle. Charlie motioned to authorize Mark to pick up the new truck for the town, Colin seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0. Michael updated the board on the progress of the roads citing that the trucks are out and grading has begun.

Interviews for a new road crew member were conducted by several board members and Director of Public Works. Mark motioned to offer the Road Maintenance/Technician job, as proposed in a draft of employment agreement, to Ethan Marcy. Charlie seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

f. Buildings / grounds report. Work has resumed on the Grange as planned, sidewalk work is being done on the side facing Lutz's, as well as door replacement to the side entrance due to damage. Michael will be looking into roofing options for the Town Office and obtain estimates to present to the board.

5. 7:00 Visitors: Darren Drevik, local business owner, presented some ideas about revamping Main Street to create a more accessible and appealing environment to tourists and locals alike. Other local business owners have also shown similar interest according to Darren and the potential to create a committee of local business owners, to look into grant funding and garner public input, was discussed.

6. ATVs / Justin Roque President Northwest VT Wheelers. Justin Roque president of the Northwest VT Wheelers and vice president Jeff Curtis presented to the board a plan to integrate existing VASA ATV trails with old Montgomery trails that had fallen into disuse over the years. They hope to bring back and reconnect the trails in Northern VT to promote safe ATV riding for families. The group is a self-policing organization that adheres to the tread lightly rule, maintaining respect for the land and property owners, as well as aligning with spring cleanup programs to keep the trails clean and free of litter. The group works with the state for funding trail maintenance and providing safety training for youths 12 and up.

7. Montgomery EMS / Ambulance course payment. Kevin Scheffler informed members about the EMT course taking place from now until mid-September of this year. He voiced concerns about maintaining interest in the courses without losing potential EMT volunteers due to affordability of the course. Kevin is hoping to provide interested residents with a payment plan in which the town would pay half of the course fees for each member to help with the upfront costs to run the program; upon completing the EMT training residents would be reimbursed their portion of the cost. Charlie motioned to pay half of the upfront course fees out of the Rescue Reserve Fund and reimburse trainees upon completion of the Rescue Course. Mark seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

8. Town Office Building Air Quality Remediation Update. Purchase dehumidifier. The board reviewed the purchase of three air purifiers and discussed the intent to purchase a commercial grade dehumidifier for the basement. Colin will be following up with Servepro to obtain a quote for building remediation. Discussion took place about regrouping efforts to plan for a new building or renovate the existing structure. It was determined that the board will need to come up with detailed plans and costs estimates for both routes; Becca Cummins gave input on reestablishing a New Town Office committee with a diverse group of residents with the intentions of working on specific tasks designated by the board and involving the community as

much as possible to educate and gain support.

9. Possible Municipal Solar Power Initiative Update. Colin presented the board with a flow chart of the steps that would need to be taken to look into solar initiatives; he outlined the qualifications, studies, installation, revenue, and ongoing costs as examples of where and how to begin when looking into the State solar programs being offered. Due to the costs of feasibility studies the board agreed that presenting the idea of a solar program to the voters will be the first course of action to determine if residents have any interest in pursuing solar at this time.

10. Water Commission Issues:

a. Permit to Operate. Mark is waiting for paperwork at the state level to be approved, he will update the board on the progress of the permit approval.

b. Access for meter repair. Carry over.

11. Old Business:

a. Hectorville Bridge Committee update. Carry over.

b. New Town Office update. Carry over.

c. Stanion Fence Court Case status. Carry over.

d. Appointments:

Disaster Prep / Emergency Mgt Director: Carry over.

Hectorville Bridge Committee. Colin nominated Titus Presler to take the vacant Hectorville Bridge seat, no other nominations were heard. By a vote of 4-0 Titus was appointed.

e. Local Emergency Operation Plan update: Due May 1st. Carry over.

12. New Business:

a. Overweight Truck Permits: Gaylord West. Mark motioned to sign and approve the overweight permit, seconded by Colin. Motion passed 3-0-1 recusal.

b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses: The Inn. Charlie motioned to sign the liquor license, seconded by Mark, motion passed 4-0.

c. Fireworks for July 4th. Discussion took place, and it was determined that the Recreation Board and Fire Department would be better suited with an approach to potentially having fireworks this year as there is a licensing and safety aspect involved with running fireworks within the town. Colin will reach out to the other boards to see if there is interest.

d. Adding position(s) to the Rec Board. Charlie motioned to add another seat to the Recreation Board, Colin seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0. Notice will go out after which appointments will be made at the next meeting.

e. Syringes found on Route 242. Concerns were raised about the findings of hazardous materials on Route 242, namely capped syringes, in a concentrated area. Colin noted the state standard for removing such materials is to notify the town health officer or constable and dispose of the items in hard plastic containers. The board agreed that in the interest of public health and safety, especially given the closeness of statewide spring cleanup involving children walking the roads to gather trash/litter, it is necessary to post flyers around town to generate awareness for residents and parents of children attending Green Up.

f. Meeting with VT Land Trust. Charlie went over the agenda for the meeting scheduled on Thursday with representatives from VT Land Trust regarding the Atlas Timberland Partnership

g. School Agenda Posting. Colin cited that the school board has approved the posting of agendas up at the front entrance to the school using a waterproof outdoor case. There was discussion regarding the type and size of casing needed for posting and whether or not the agendas would be a mandatory requirement for all boards or optional. The board agreed to touch base with the school and carry this item over to the following meeting.

13. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters (e.g. Next meeting agenda). Scott noted that NRPC has offered to review the Town Plan for regional approval. Obtaining regional approval for a Town Plan allows the town to be eligible for several state grant opportunities such as Municipal Planning Grants, Village Center Designation state tax credits and other state programs. The board agreed to reach out to NRPC and request the review. All orders were signed by the board at this time.

Colin motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Mark, the motion passed by 4-0. Board adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Reighley