



REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION  
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)  
Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2018  
6:30pm

Select Board Members: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Jacob Racusin,  
Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Parma Jewett, Theresa Almy, Derek Choate, Chelsea Choate, Kristina Bowen, Shaun Bowen,  
Wendy Howard, Anita Woodward, Larry Letourneau, Greta Quinton, Carrie Quinton, Sara Betts, Jared  
Jewett

Charlie calls meeting to order at 6:40PM

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda

Changes/additions:

Add discussion about atv traffic in center/village

Add discussion regarding swimming holes

2. Review/approve minutes of the July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> meetings

Darren makes motion to approve July 2nd meeting. Jacob seconded. No discussion.

Amendment to July 2nd minutes re: tax rate discussion: remove “non-resident” line 3; add line “local  
agreement set at .0018”

Approved 3-0.

3. Public Works

a) Roads and Bridges

a. Grants: Status Updates:

- i. Structures Grant for Route 58
- ii. USFS Culvert Grant for AOP design
- iii. Municipal Grants in Aid Pilot Project
- iv. SFY Transportation Alternatives
- v. Municipal Roads Grants-in-aid program: Received confirmation of  
Equipment purchase grant, Grants-in-aid program for small hydro seater.  
Received grant in amount of \$5,200.

b. Brady Road

Pending repairs per St. Onge schedule

- c. Creamery Bridge Repairs  
Pending state response. No known deadline for repairs or response.

- b) Buildings and Grounds

- a. Generators  
Doug Kopaz will schedule test before school starts.

#### 4. Visitors @ 7:00pm

>Parma Jewett, Lister: E&O certificate signature needed for Comcast Assessment value changes. Discussion ensued. Darren moved to approve E&O, seconded by Jacob. Passed unanimously.

>Swimming hole discussion: Community concern regarding traffic build up on route 58. Accident occurred already. Trash and property misuse. St. Albans taxi service giving tours. Buses parking there. Disrespectful behavior. Instances of partying at night. Vandalism to resident mailboxes; parking in residential drive-ways. Acknowledgement of overall civility, but instances of disrespect, accidents, and littering becoming more prevalent and concerning. Parking on the road primary health and safety concern. There have been days when 5th wheel vehicle would not have been able to pass.

Short-term solution of “no parking in travelled lanes” on 58 and Demar Road. Inform Brent Godin regarding the issue and possible intervention. Signage clearly labeled as Municipal Authority. Discussion of alternative pathways?

Jacob noted that Vermont River Conservancy visited and discussed policy and strategy around swimming holes. May be strategic to revisit this organization.

Long term: convene working group around swimming hole management and maintenance. Grants for safety features and maintained pathways.

>Larry Letourneau questioned receiving fundraising letter from fire department, however they reduced their fund request for FY18 budget. Questioned why are they fundraising and specifically for what? Discussion ensued.

>Larry inquired about zoning administrators actions to enforce zoning laws re: vacancy posting language

#### 5. Water Commission Issues

No discussion

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Report out from Merriman memo re: School/Town Property  
Follow-up to seeking advice on what potential actions could be taken with regards to school property as it relates to merger. Response from Merriman, recommended actions: title search on property, investigate transfer, records of transfer, deeds, review old town reports around date of transfer looking for intention and documented town spending money on school building, ties school to town financials. Given that the school district is unincorporated, there can be a strong argument made that the Montgomery School District is the Town of Montgomery.  
Greta has taken on document search per recommendation.  
Discussion ensued. Main question still unanswered re: “what next” once opinion on school property received. Unresolved at this time.  
Short-term: Submit research to Merriman for review. Draft letter for SBE re: Selectboard support for School Board position, school.

Long- term: Arrange meeting between Selectboard and School Board to maintain open communication and transparency.

- b. Town Office/Post Office (main street location)—further discussion on next steps pending report from Clay Point Associates:  
Michael Snider and Jacob did walk-through with Claypoint. He will present findings, options, and quotes once complete. Claypoint has completed design and scoping of projects. Contractor walk-through on Wednesday, July 18th at 9AM. Jacob requested report by end of July prior to community visits process. Invitation to present at August SB meeting, 8/6 or 8/20.
- c. Stanion Settlement update  
Deadline 7/20. Posts are still up. Charlie reached out to Ellie. No response as of yet.
- d. Cemetery Commission Consolidation  
Being reviewed. Revisit and compose memo with Sue Wilson and Deanna.
- e. Blouin Bros consolidated fuel delivery contract (review and possible vote)  
Renegotiation of consolidated fuel purchases for municipal buildings.
- f. Recourse options for future burn permit violations  
Darren followed up with DEC, received draft of civil ordinance in order to legally enforce burn violation claims. Larry notes fines by Environmental Commission regarding burning of buildings that may contain contaminant materials. Draft ordinance distributed to board for review, no immediate action planned.
- g. USDA Community Development Grant  
Darren and Suzanne will meet to initiate grant process

#### 7. New Business

>Added item: ATV traffic. Darren led conversation regarding resident concerns about speed, atv operations on Main Roads. Discussion ensued. Possibility of reaching out to President of VASA regarding problem solving around this issue.

- a. Town Personnel discussion—Clerk’s Office Personnel changes  
Darren moved to enter Executive Session for this topic at 8:16PM. Jacob seconded.  
Passes 3-0.  
Jacob moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:29PM. Darren seconded. Passed 3-0.
- b. Overweight Truck Permits  
n/a
- c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses  
n/a

#### 8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

#### 9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Darren Motion to adjourn at 8:45. Jacob seconded. Passed 3-0.