

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2015

Present: Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi (for the later part of the meeting), Wayne Blanchard, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Everett Hammond, Kelly Pajala, Joan Dayton, Center Merrill, Jean Williams, Pat Williams, Duane Hart, Larry Gubb

Steve Prouty was acting Chair in the absence of Jim Ameden.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the following to the agenda: TAM Inc. overweight permit, email notification of voicemail phone messages for the selectboard, Williams Street resident concerns

Correspondence- The following correspondence was passed around: Letter from Dick Dale regarding the Policing Committee, wastewater permit for John and Judith Lancaster, VLCT Town Fair announcement, letter from VT Nursing and Hospice, advertisement from MA Bean Associates, zoning letter to John and Noel Benedetto, highway mileage letter, letter from the Beautification Committee

Announcements- A letter from the Beautification Committee was added to correspondence.
Still looking for volunteers to serve on the Policing Committee.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens

Williams Street residents- Pat and Jean Williams, Center Merrill, and Joan Dayton attended the meeting to express concerns about road maintenance and snow plowing on their road.

Town Officials Business-

Treasurer- Tina was not in attendance, but presented the 2015 municipal tax rates for approval by the board. The rates are: municipal rate- .2602, fiscal year transition fund- .0238, Local Agreement- .0022. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the rates. Tax bills will go out later this week.

Town Clerk- Kelly gave the board some feedback on the proposed Facilities Use Policy and Agreement, particularly regarding alcohol use at Town facilities, and the related existing Alcohol Ordinance.

Kelly asked the selectboard to convene the Liquor Board for the following application.

Liquor Board- A motion was made and unanimously passed to convene the Liquor Board. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve a catering permit for The Perfect Wife for a wedding on Middletown Road.

Planning Commission- Larry Gubb spoke to the board about moving ahead with site work around the Town Office building in order to improve drainage and hopefully alleviate the moisture problems in the basement. The board agreed to go ahead with an RFP for completing a site design plan for the project. No specific action was taken.

Minutes- The minutes of 7/6 were unanimously approved by Steve, Cathy, and Paul. Approval of the minutes of 6/15 are still tabled pending clarification of a motion made concerning the buyout property plans.

Transfer Station- None

Roads and bridges-

Lowell Lake Road project update and guardrails- Everett Hammond, the project engineer, reported that the culvert box will be set this coming Thursday, 7/23. Overall, the progress on the project and work quality has been good.

It has been determined that the wooden guardrails, originally planned, would not be approved for funding by VTrans. Alternatives were discussed, and a motion was made and unanimously passed to change the guardrails to a box beam type, painted, not to exceed a cost of \$7500 for the guardrails and with the painting cost additional. The contract price will be finalized and a Change Order made to the contract with Ameden Construction.

Duane's job status- Duane let the board know that he will stay on as road foreman providing the selectboard wants him to.

High Risk Rural Roads, Middletown Road study- Kevin and Duane reported on the recent meeting with VTrans and Windham Regional Commission to gather information for a safety study and recommendations for the road. The HRRR program can't make recommendations that involve the intersections onto state roads at each end of the road.

Old business-

Champion lease agreement- The Town is still waiting to hear from Champion about the draft agreement. The agreement was tabled until next meeting.

Policies and job descriptions- Any further work was tabled to a future meeting.

Engineering agreement for 2306 North Main Street- The acting Chair signed the agreement, which was approved at the last meeting.

New Business-

Engineering and floodwater study for 2331 North Main Street- The board discussed the eight proposals received. They have been reviewed by Nick Wark at VTrans. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to award the work to Eckman Engineering for an amount of \$7800. The vote was three yes and Steve Prouty no.

Phone message email notifications- The board agreed that Jim Ameden should receive the phone message email notifications for the selectboard.

Town shared services listserv- This listserv is being started by Windham Regional Commission and they are requesting one contact person per town. The board agreed that the administrator should be the contact.

Survey of the former Barker property- A motion was made and unanimously passed to proceed with a survey of the property which is now owned by the Town. The cost of the survey will be funded through the FEMA buyout program.

General discussion- Steve expressed the need to resolve some issues with the Planning Commission. No action was taken.

Septage field haying- Steve expressed the need to move ahead with it. Wayne and Kevin will get it done this year. Duane offered to help.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33.