

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Debbie O'Leary,

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- Paul requested adding a dog complaint issue on Magic Circle under "Old Business".

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Announcements and correspondence- Misc. correspondence was passed around. It included a notice that a septic design on the Kujovsky property on Parson's Lane would result in a septic design "shadow" onto the Town's Shamberg property.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Planning Commission appointment- A letter from the Planning Commission recommends appointment of Dick Dale to the commission. Dick was present and discussed with the Selectboard his interest in serving on the Planning Commission. A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint Dick Dale to the Planning Commission.

Parks Board- Total money raised from the Pingree Park Fun Day was over \$2000, including the pig raffle.

The pig raffle didn't take place on Fun Day, so the Selectboard was asked to draw a ticket. The winner was Dorrie Codd.

A Land/Water Conservation Fund grant opportunity is opening up at the end of the month. The Parks Board plans to apply for funding several items, including getting power into the park, a dog park, trail work, and signage.

Minutes of the August 4th meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Duane reported that they recently did some repair work to culverts and drain pipes at the South Derry end of **Middletown Road**. The road is scheduled for repaving in 2018, and there needs to be some replacement of culverts and drain pipes in that area prior to the paving.

Paving- Wilk has scheduled to do the paving on Old Stowell Hill and Reilly Roads in early October.

Winhall Hollow culvert project- Chaves Excavating will be doing this project some time over the next six weeks.

The crew just finished working on Brophy Lane and will be on Haven Hill Road next week.

Due to the change in the Selectboard meeting schedule in September because of Labor Day, Duane will be unable to attend, so Nick Doane will be attending in his place.

Transfer Station items- Esther asked for a sign designating where yard waste goes, and Paul Gordon (Mountain Creations) donated a sign.

Liquor Board- None.

Old business-

Parking Ordinance- The Town's attorney has reviewed the draft of the proposed ordinance. According to his interpretation it appears that signs may be required on all affected roads. That interpretation seems to conflict with legal interpretation from VLCT. The ordinance was tabled again until the sign question is further investigated.

Grout vehicles- With the passing of a parking ordinance being further delayed, a motion was made and unanimously passed to contact the Vermont State Police and file a complaint including a request that the vehicles and equipment owned by Gary Grout, that are in the town road right of way, be removed.

Unifirst settlement- The board previously voted to offer to settle a claim with Unifirst for breach of an agreement with them, for \$1000. Unifirst has counter offered to settle for \$3000. The board wants to see further information from Unifirst about when a copy of the agreement was delivered to the Town by Unifirst's driver. At this time the board does not want to settle at \$3000. No further action was taken.

Dog issue on Magic Circle- The Selectboard has received another complaint from the Benedicts about dogs barking. They state that there is chronic dog barking starting at 6:00 AM, on most days. Various town officials have made numerous visits, including several since the latest complaint, in an attempt to observe and hear the problem. To date no one from the Town who has gone to the location has been able to see or hear a problem. A motion was made and unanimously passed to write a letter to the Benedicts outlining the efforts that the Town has made to resolve the issue.

New business-

Strategic planning- Kevin urged the board to undertake a ten year strategic planning process to identify potential projects, large purchases and other one time expenditures that the Town may face, and analyze how they collectively affect the Town's finances and tax rates. The board agreed that this is a worthwhile process and should be undertaken. Kevin will contact all department heads, commissions, and boards to work on getting a complete list of possible expenditures that the Town may have over the planning period.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.