

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 , 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault; Tim Maclay, Tim Morris, and Will Schwarz (Marshfield Fire Department); Pat Martin and Greg Light (Plainfield Fire Department); John Audy and Ty Roland (East Montpelier Fire Department); Jennifer Miner (Cabot Ambulance); Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin.

Cemeteries: Joseph Mangan came to address the Selectboard about setting up an index for burials. Bobbi notified the Board that there is already an index. The earlier burials from the 1800's don't have lot numbers, but it would be a good place to start. Bobbi will meet with Joseph and also the Board will invite him to come to a Selectboard meeting to discuss future needs for the cemeteries.

Cree Farm Road: Jim Colgan met with the Board regarding the proposed discontinuance of part of Cree Farm Road. The Selectboard believes that the current road ends near the house at 396 Cree Farm Road. Jim and Zoning Administrator Bob Light will measure from the existing structures to determine where the road needs to end in order for the structures to be in compliance with the zoning regulations. He will meet back with the Board to review the measurements. If the Board is happy with the new proposed location, a new hearing will be warned. The purpose of changing the location from the original proposal is to avoid having to build a new turnaround for town trucks.

Ambulance Service: The Board discussed the protocols to be followed if a backup ambulance is required in situations where Cabot Ambulance is unavailable or a second ambulance is required. John Audy stated that if they are called for mutual aid, they would bill the patient for the transport but they would not bill the Town. Ty suggested that there will be questions that need to be answered, such as what happens if they are called because Cabot doesn't have a crew available, and they are almost on site when Cabot does get a crew – would they then turn around if they are closest to the patient at that point? Pat Martin suggested that there may also be issues when there is a need for an I-tech. Plainfield Rescue has I-tech's but if only one person responds with the rescue truck, they can not leave the rescue truck to ride in the ambulance. John Audy suggested that the services do a quarterly review to see what is working and what is not. He also suggested that East Montpelier may be able to provide an I-tech to ride along with the Cabot Ambulance. Jennifer stated that when ambulance members respond and hear who else is responding, and hear the nature of the call, they should know whether they will be able to have a sufficient crew with the right qualifications or whether they will need additional backup.

All of the parties agreed that the primary focus should be what is best for the patient.

Chris noted that we are getting a great deal for the money that we allocate to Cabot and Plainfield. Pat suggested that the Town of Marshfield should be aware that the Town may need to pay considerably more in the future. He feels that Cabot is being underpaid. Plainfield pays \$39,000 for

coverage from East Montpelier because East Montpelier is a paid service and has more staffing. He suggested that regionalization would be such a complex undertaking that it isn't likely to happen in the foreseeable future. John Audy stated that regionalization wouldn't necessarily save money.

John Audy offered to train members of the Marshfield and Plainfield Fire Departments to drive the East Montpelier Ambulance for situations where the ambulance crew needed to ride in the back with the patient. He noted that ambulance drivers do not need medical training but they do need some training.

John Warshow moved to send a request to the District 6 EMS Board requesting that any calls requiring backup be directed to the closest available ambulance service. Barre Town would be called if a paramedic is required. Helen seconded – all in favor. John Audy noted that East Montpelier may be able to provide paramedic intercept service in the future.

Road/Payroll Concerns: Helen received a call from Tim Davis. He attended a Selectboard meeting in August and he expected the Board to get back to him about his concerns. Bobbi will send him a letter explaining how many weeks the board spent going over the current policy while Laura was on the Board. The letter will also explain that the Selectboard has dealt with the issue that he raised about accrued vacation time.

George Jewett Road: Helen received a call from Kevin Hudson and one from Dr. Thayer complaining about the Town closing George Jewett Road. Dr. Thayer is concerned about access for fire trucks. Helen explained that fire trucks would not use that route to get to the camp anyway because the road is too narrow. The Board reiterated their concerns that plowing the road leads to faster runoff and more washouts in the spring. Dan noted that he receives frequent calls from Peacham Pond residents asking him to grade the road, but because it is a Class IV road he only grades it once each year.

Old Schoolhouse Common: Dan explained that he is having a hard time keeping the Old Schoolhouse Common parking lot plowed because of overnight parking and early morning visitors to the nature trail. The Board authorized him to purchase signs for the parking lot, instructing people not to park during specific hours.

Special Meeting: The Selectboard will hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of signing the warning for town meeting.

Resignation: Jeri Healey resigned from the budget committee. His seat will be filled by election at town meeting.

Gym: Michael Schumacher asked about using the Old Schoolhouse Common gym for free for Christ Covenant School students. The Board will tell him the policy will be discussed at town meeting. He also asked about using the gym at Twinfield. The Board will suggest that he contact the school board. Will Walters suggested that if the Christ Covenant students enroll at Twinfield as extracurricular students, the school would receive grant money for their use of the facilities.

Dogs: John received another complaint about dogs belonging to Vivian Davis. When he drove up to her house, there were no dogs outside. The Town has received numerous complaints from several different people, and she has received a warning letter. John will follow up and issue a fine as allowed under the ordinance.

Town Plan: The Selectboard received the proposed revised Town Plan from the Planning Commission. The Board will study the plan, make any changes that they feel are necessary, and then warn a public hearing. They have until mid-May to hold their hearing.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved a liquor license for Tim's Convenience Store.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 17, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
