

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 1, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Rich Phillips, George Africa, Melissa Seifert

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: water bottle filling station

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Approved the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting.

Dog Complaints: George Africa filed a complaint about his neighbor's dog barking and running at large, and defecating on his driveway. They leave it out in the cold with no shelter. The Animal Control officers have been in contact with the owner and George will let the Board know if it continues to be an issue.

Jeni Humphries came to the Town Office to report that a dog belonging to the Moltenis has been coming onto her property and she doesn't want it to wreck her gardens or kill her chickens. Bobbi gave her the contact information for the Animal Control Officers.

Water bottle filling station: The Town received a grant to have a water bottle filling station installed. The grant is to have an outdoor station that would need to be drained in the winter. Bobbi will get a quote for installation outside.

Better Places grant: Rich B. explained that the grant is for designated downtown areas for community spaces. One of the requirements is crowdsourcing for a 33% share of the cost. He feels that it would be difficult for a small town like Marshfield to raise that much. It also requires a partnership with a non-profit. Municipal funds may not be used. Rich B. will go to the webinar and report back. Michele explained that Central Vermont Adult Basic Education might be willing to partner for a picnic shelter, because they would use the space for meeting with students. Melissa asked about the crowdsourcing, because some crowdsourcing sites are taxed. Rich B. will ask about that at the webinar.

Picnic Shelter: Chris reported that Nathan Phillips is willing to work on plans for the shelter. The Board and Rich P. discussed the next steps. There needs to be a meeting to discuss the best location for the shelter. Rich P. will work on the permits once a location is decided. When the plans are ready, the Board will ask for estimates so that we can apply for grants to cover the cost of having it built, and then we can use volunteers if we have them.

Park & Ride grant: Michele is in contact with an electrician who will look into some of the options for lights.

Covered bridge: Rich P. reported that the broken plank at the covered bridge has been fixed by his sons.

Cabot Rd/Route 2: Rich B. reported that VTrans will change the intersection as long as they don't have to deal with rights-of-way. David Torres will deed the property to the town for the right of way. Rich suggests that David should deed the Town a right-of-way where the intersection will be, and after the construction is finished, the Town would relinquish our rights to the slip ramp. The Board authorized Rich to work with the Town Attorney to have the documents prepared.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved a liquor license for RL Vallee/Maplefields.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 1, 2022 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
