

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members Jim Barlow, Laurie Colgan and Chris Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Aaron Ingham, Timothy Morris, Health Officer and Development Review Board Member James Arisman, Dan St. Cyr (Clark's Truck Center), Sheila Brown (Cabot Ambulance)

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

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Approved the minutes of January 23, 2018

**Cabot Ambulance:** Sheila Brown attended on behalf of Cabot Ambulance; she is the President of the service. She explained that there are 10 people who are attending training and will be certified in the next few months. Chris explained that both services are on the warning for Town Meeting in hopes of generating the discussion at the meeting. He explained that East Montpelier's proposal is to start in July, and the Board is wondering what would happen with Cabot if the voters decided to make the switch. Sheila indicated that they would keep doing what they are able to do. Laurie questioned whether having funding from Marshfield for only half of the year would impact the viability of Cabot Ambulance. She wants the service to be aware that the funding from the Town of Marshfield may not continue. Sheila stated that the Treasurer, John Christman, feels that the Ambulance service would still survive even without Marshfield because there would be fewer calls. She stated that about half of their calls are Marshfield, and half of those are no-transport. Jim asked how many members they have. Sheila stated that they currently have 12 certified members but not all of those members are able to respond due to work, etc. They have thought about a paid service but they don't have the call volume to justify the expense. Chris asked what they would do if voters chose East Montpelier. Sheila stated that they would still operate in Cabot. She stated that they are a private service so other funding is limited; services that are part of a town fire department are eligible for some grants. She will be able to attend Town Meeting this year to answer any of the voters' questions. Aaron Ingham asked if the Town has considered starting our own ambulance service; the Board explained that the cost is prohibitive.

**Village Cemetery:** Aaron Ingham approached the Board because he is interested in the land in front of the cemetery. He would like to purchase it or place sculptures there, with a bench. He is an artist and has been commissioned to create some benches and bike racks for the City of Montpelier. He is interested in bringing more art into the town. He has already spoken with Zoning Administrator Bob Light about putting a coffee shop in his current space; his property is adjacent to the cemetery. Jim explained that it might be possible to draw up an agreement where the town leases the land or licenses it to him, that would address liability, etc. He suggested that Aaron should draw up what his thoughts are and have another conversation. James Arisman suggested that he revisit the issue of home occupation vs. conditional use with Bob Light.

**Truck:** Dan St. Cyr from Clark's Truck Center came to the meeting to discuss the schedule for delivery of the truck that the town ordered in January 2017. He has talked to Tenco and has been assured that work on the truck body is in progress. He expects it to be finished by the end of the month. He explained that there was a delay because the truck manufacturer changed the exhaust system and it took some extra time for them to engineer the changes. The delay in receiving the cab and chassis from International caused the Town to miss the time slot at Tenco, and they have been backed up.

**Thompson Road:** Timothy Morris from Chase & Chase Surveyors represents Donna London, a landowner whose property is on the Thompson Road. The landowner has asked the surveyors to find out why there are concrete blocks that are blocking the access to the Thompson Road. Chris stated that the Board was not aware that there was another piece of property accessed by the Thompson Road, other than the Pitkin and Stranahan Town Forest properties. Chris stated that if the Board had known, they would have asked the landowner's position, as they did with the Pitkins. It is believed to be Class IV road for 1 mile beginning at the Hollister Hill end, and then legal trail from that point to the Pitkin Farm Road. Chris explained that the blocks were placed to keep the 4-wheel drive trucks from making a mess of the road. The Town first tried a gate but trucks would remove the gate. Jim noted that the blocks are protecting what is left of the access to her land. The Board asked Timothy to find out the client's intentions, and to let the Board know if she would like to have the blocks moved. At that point the Board would decide what other measures could be taken to prevent further damage to the road.

**Salvage Yard:** James Arisman gave the Selectboard some background information on the Holm Salvage Yard conditional use application and the Development Review Board's decision. They approved the application with conditions, and it is not clear that the conditions have been met. He noted that if the Town does not grant the Certificate of Approved Location, it is possible that the State would not authorize continued operation. The Board discussed the best way to proceed with the application, given that the conditions in the prior permits have not been met. They discussed the possibility of requiring an ANR inspection prior to approval. The Board decided to ask the Development Review Board to hold a hearing on the application. **Note:** after this meeting, the Board learned that the statutes require the Selectboard to hold the hearing, so the hearing was scheduled for February 19, 2018.

**Davis Dog:** Vivian Davis sent an email to the Selectboard stating that she hasn't put up a metal fence or kennel as required by the amended order but she feels that what she has done is sufficient. James Arisman will go and view the property and report back to the Board.

**Central Vermont Solid Waste District:** Sarah Hooker spoke with Chris to ask the Selectboard to reconsider our membership in the Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District. She indicated to him that the Central Vermont district has changed and she feels that it is more available to people in Marshfield. The Board has not heard from other residents that this is a concern. Bobbi noted that there will be a hazardous waste pickup at the Old Schoolhouse Common this spring.

**Correspondence:** The Board received the annual grant applications from VTrans. Chris will check with the Road Foreman about whether we have any projects that would be good candidates for grants.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 6, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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