

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Scott Ciampi (Road Crew)

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: none

Public Comment: none

Minutes: tabled

Truck Purchase: Scott explained that we are scheduled to buy a truck in 2023 but to get it in 2023, we need to order it now because it is taking a year to fill orders. He has quotes from Allegiance Trucks and Tenco for the truck and body totaling \$149,358 after a trade-in of 65,000. This is for a 6-wheeler, so the price is considerably higher than it has been, but we did budget \$150,000. If the price goes down, they will lower the price to us. He explained that the even though Tenco has moved out of state, there will still be someone local to provide parts if needed, and the road crew has been happy with their equipment. He noted that all of the International dealers have to give us the same price. Chris moved to authorize Scott to order the truck. Rich seconded - all in favor. Scott feels that we could postpone the purchase of a new excavator for another year or two.

Bridges: Scott has been trying to get estimates for the bridge on Upper Depot Rd, so that we can apply for a bridge grant. The design is underway for School Street Bridge, and the engineer has had a site visit with the Village to come up with a plan for the water line.

Parking in roads: Scott indicated that there have been cars parking on Hollister Hill but he has been able to get around them. Chris suggested that it might have been a one-time event. There have been no further complaints. Regarding Johnson Road, two separate neighbors have complained about cars parking in the road. We have made several phone calls to Washington County Mental Health, the property owner, asking them not to allow parking in the road. The Board will send a letter asking them to stop parking in the road, and indicating that there will be further consequences if it continues to be a problem. Rich noted that group homes are treated as a private residence under zoning law, and do not require further zoning review.

Recreation Economy grant: The Town has been selected as a semifinalist. There will be an interview. Rich is following up.

Better Places grant: Rich reported that for this grant, we would have to crowdsource 33% of the funds. The Board agreed to skip the grant because it seems unlikely that we could raise that much.

Library Porch: The Board reviewed the proposed designs for the Library Porch. They prefer the design that includes a 30 x 10 porch, with a graded approach so no ramp will be required. The

engineer recommends a fairly flat roof with a membrane, engineered to hold the snow load. They indicated that a pitched roof would be a safety concern because the snow coming off the roof could hit someone. The Board approved of the design concept, with final plans still to come.

Development Review Board: There are two people interested in serving on the Development Review Board. There may be other openings since terms expire on April 15. The Board will discuss the applicants at the next meeting.

Personnel: The Board entered executive session to discuss a personnel issue. They returned to open session at 6:55. Rich moved to accept Bobbi's retirement plans as outlined in her letter dated January 18, 2022. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Next Meeting: The March meetings will be on the 8th and 22nd.

Dog Complaint on Upper Depot Rd: The Moltenis are putting up a run and they are taking care of the issue.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Tom Daley, Winnie Valenza, Rich and Kass Phillips, John Taylor, Bob Popp, Kara Casey, Susan Green, Robert Buchanan, Judy Sargent

Informational Meeting convened at 7:01

Chris Martin introduced each article. For the budget, Bobbi explained that she received a question about the Assistant Town Clerk wages. She explained that Winnie will be retiring in 2022 and a new assistant will be hired, and there will be some overlap for training.

Bob Popp explained that the natural resource inventory is recommended in the town plan, and will complement inventories done in neighboring towns.

After the warning was done, Susan Green asked about the Town's plans for the ARPA funds. Rich B. explained that the final rules just came out last month. VLCT is planning to come out with further guidelines, and the Selectboard is waiting to hear their recommendations. Some things being considered are capital improvements to the Old Schoolhouse Common, the Library Porch, and possibly a picnic shelter.

The Board explained that they are waiting for more information from VLCT. They discussed possible methods to get the public involved.

Adjourned 7:33.

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