

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, April 4, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Justin Campbell, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Road Crew Member Scott Ciampi; Henry Harris; Sonia Carrasco; Todd Eaton; Bear Borges

At 5:340 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Rich Baker

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** DRB appointment

**Public Comment:** Henry Harris asked if the Board received the letter from the Agriculture Department saying he needs to go to the DRB for site plan approval. Rich stated that the Board can't discuss the settlement agreement without the town's attorney being present but the Board will allow a meeting with the attorneys. Henry explained that he is only fighting the case because the Town has requested that he have no camps in the future. He has applied for a Conditional Use Permit to show good faith. He wants the Board to ask the attorney to ask for a continuance, to avoid having the pending court date. He would like to suspend the court case so that we can discuss where to go from here. Rich said he would talk to the Town Attorney to discuss the status.

**Winter Sand:** Scott asked for approval to order winter sand. The price has increased by \$1.59 per yard but there was no increase last year. Justin moved to approve the sand order. Michelle seconded – all in favor.

**Minutes:** approved the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Selectboard meeting

**Planning Commission:** Rich explained that he has applied for a grant for technical assistance, to approve walkability in the Village. Asher Barnum has resigned. Todd Eaton is interested in joining. He has worked in transportation for 15 years. Sonia Carrasco has lived in Marshfield her whole life and wants to work to make Marshfield a welcoming place. Rich moved to make the Commission a five-member commission. Justin seconded – all in favor. Rich moved to appoint Sonia and Todd for three years each. Justin seconded – all in favor. Rich moved to appoint Todd as our representative on the Transportation Advisory Committee. Justin second – all in favor.

**Development Review Board:** Jon Groveman resigned from the DRB. Margaret Campbell is interested. Rich moved to appoint her. Michelle seconded. All in favor.

**Maintenance:** Bear Borges has a contracting business. He does small repairs and renovations. The Board discussed the possibility of contracting for 6 months. Bear will send a sample contract.

**Special License:** The Board received a request from Ruth Eaton to seek an opinion from the Town Attorney about what qualifies as a proper enclosure for a dog breeder's special license. The Board declined, because they have already received an opinion from the Municipal Assistance Center at

the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and they don't feel that it would be a good use of tax money.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** The plumber suggested that the upstairs toilet should be replaced. Justin moved to allow Bobbi to approve up to \$1,000 if she gets at least two proposals. Rich seconded – all in favor.

**Keys:** Justin moved to approve the new estimate for installing a keypad. The original estimate was based on a different model number of our door opener. Rich amended it to include door blockers for security. Justin seconded – all in favor.

**FEMA:** The December 24 storm has been declared a disaster, so the town will get some reimbursement money for debris removal.

**Liquor License:** Rich moved to approve a liquor license for Outerspace Café, and allow the fee that they paid last year to be used for the 2023 license. Justin seconded – all in favor.

**Municipal Energy Resilience Program:** Rich is attending a webinar and will bring information to the next meeting. Todd noted that the State Department of Buildings and General Services has money available to towns, and some of it may be for energy resilience.

**Covered Bridge:** Justin has talked with Tim Maclay about the haying that is done at the covered bridge. He hays the open fields on the property, less than 20 acres out of 73 acres. He would like to continue haying because he has commitments to supply hay to some farms. He also feels like the haying provides a fire break. No brush hogging is being done currently. Rich pointed out that he isn't paying anything for the hay. The people who hay on the Stranahan property pay a nominal fee. Bobbi will research what we have for an agreement with Tim. Justin noted that Tim is mowing less acreage and working with the Conservation Commission on timing of the mowing.

**Meeting Room Improvements:** The Board decided to hold off on screening but authorized Bobbi to look at conference tables at State Surplus, and spend up to \$600.

**Upper Depot Bridge:** Justin has been in touch with Austin Construction and will meet with them at the bridge sometime this week.

**Route 2/Cabot Road ROW Documents:** David Torres and Sarah Graves have sent proposed language that would have the slip ramp revert to them on a certain date. Rich is concerned that VTrans may alter their schedule and the project might not be finished. Bobbi will talk to VTrans about the schedule.

**Dog Complaint:** Tom Molteni has notified the neighbor and the Selectboard that he will be building a fence this spring.

**Executive Session:** At 7:58 Rich moved to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Justin seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open meeting at 8:38.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the April 4, 2023 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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