

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:30 p.m, via FreeConferenceCall.com

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors

At 5:31 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Junkyard on the Cabot Road (Ducharme property); update on pellet boiler

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of March 17 with one addition, and the minutes of Town Meeting. The minutes of March 2 were tabled.

Reappraisal: Meg Eberhardt has reviewed the proposals and made a comparison for the Board to look at. Rich noted that Tyler Technologies is considerably more expensive. Meg doesn't think that they would be familiar with a rural town such as ours. She agreed with Rich that we don't need to consider the proposal for appraisals of utilities only. That narrows the job down to two companies, New England Municipal Consultants and Vermont Appraisal Company. NE Municipal uses a different mass appraisal software than what we have been using. They offered to come and demonstrate their software but we can't have them here now. Meg feels that we have had good luck with Vermont Appraisal Company but the people they have working for them now do not have a lot of experience. The Board agreed to interview these two companies as soon as the COVID-19 crisis is over.

Meg noted that the Listers won't be doing inside inspections this year due to the virus so they will be relying on talking to people. They may need an extension to get the grand list finished.

Central Vermont Humane Society: The Town received a bill for dogs brought to CVHS last year. The Board instructed Bobbi not to pay the bill because our contract was for cats only, and we have another poundkeeper for dogs.

Appointments: The Board made the following appointments:

Animal Control Officer: Kathleen Hayes

Cemetery Sexton: Joe Mangan

Conservation Commission Member: Sarah Norton

Development Review Board Member: Gary Leach

Energy Committee Member: Wes Cate, Anne Miller, Nick Seifert

Fence Viewer: Chris Bellamy, Dennis Ducharme, Richard Phillips

Fire Chief: Will Schwarz

Fire Warden: Thomas Maclay

Fire Warden, Assistant: Tim Maclay

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood: Dennis Ducharme

Recreation Committee Member: Drew McNaughton, Pam Quinn
Representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC): Robin Schunk
Representative to CVRPC, Transportation Advisory Committee: Robin Schunk
Weigher of Coal: Albert St. Cyr

The Board will try to find members for the Conservation Commission, Planning Commission, Recreation Committee, and Energy Committee.

Highways: The Board reviewed the annual financial plan. They discussed possible bridge work that might be funded with a bridge grant. Chris will work with the Road Crew to get estimates.

Gravel Pit: Bobbi will apply for a permit to use the gravel pit as a stump dump.

COVID-19: The Board discussed personnel needs and what measures should be taken for employee protection and to save money, given the economic hardships that residents may be facing this year. Chris will talk to the Road Crew about social distancing.

Cabot Rd: A Cabot Road resident has contacted Laurie Colgan with concerns that a scrap metal business has been started at the Gerard Ducharme Jr. residence, and they are constructing buildings in the woods. Chris noted that it looked like someone has been cleaning up the site but he will check in and see what is happening there, and he will advise them that they may need zoning permits.

Pellet Boiler: Dan was having issues with the boiler again. He is going to check to see if the company can remove the pellets at the end of the season. He is going to get a replacement for the motor that drives the auger. The building is being heated with oil right now. Laurie mentioned that the issue could be dusty pellets that could be causing problems.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members approved the reports for General Expenses and Payroll that were previously emailed. They authorized Rich to print and sign them and drop the pages in the drop box.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the April 7, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
