

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Brad Washburn

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

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** WEC permit, traffic counts, Campbell letter

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the April 20 meeting with one change

**Basketball Court:** Brad Washburn explained that they did fundraising last year for two new basketball hoops. There was interest at town meeting for repaving the court, so when there was a surplus last year, the Selectboard allocated some to paving the court. Brad explained that there is a lot of interest in the court, especially during COVID. He got a quote for excavating around the court to make it larger, closer to regulation size, from Dale Brown for \$2,000. He got a quote for paving the entire area, for \$7,995 for paving. Rich questioned whether an overlay would last. Brad explained that digging up the whole area would be cost prohibitive, but we could make it last longer if we didn't put the ice rink there, and he is going to get a quote to have it painted by Vermont Tennis Courts. He noted that people would also like to use the court for pickleball. Brad and the Board discussed whether there would be a benefit to moving the court or digging up the existing court, but it was agreed that the best investment would be just expanding on the existing court and adding pavement, because this court has been there for more than 20 years. Rich moved to approve widening and paving the court according to the quotes that Brad received, and authorized Bobbi to sign the contracts. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board thanked Brad for all of his work on the Town's behalf.

**Library Porch:** Michael Stark has prepared drawings for the porch. The Board reviewed the draft RFP. The state permit requires that the plans are stamped by an engineer or architect. When we have stamped plans and a permit, Bobbi will issue the RFP. Bobbi and Chris will contact local engineers to see if they would be willing to stamp the plans.

**COVID Update:** The Energy Committee has asked if they can return to in-person meetings. Bobbi spoke with the Governor's office and they confirmed that in May, we can have 1 person per 100 square feet, or 4 people in the meeting room. In June we could have 1 person per 50 square feet or 9 people, but it would be difficult to maintain 6' distance unless the meetings are held in the gym. Bobbi will tell the committees that they can meet in the gym if they choose, as long as they can maintain social distancing. The Selectboard will continue to meet via Zoom for now.

**Appointments:** Rich moved to make the following appointments:

**Planning Commission**, Term Expires 2024  
**Development Review Board**, Term Expires 2024  
**Central Vermont Fiber Board Member**

Robin Schunk  
Jenny Warshow  
John Morris

**Conservation Commission**, Term expires 2025  
**Energy and Climate Change Committee**  
**Stranahan Stewardship Committee**, Term expires 2023  
**Recreation Committee**  
**Fire Chief**  
**Cemetery Sexton**  
**Fence Viewers**  
**Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood**  
**Weigher of Coal**

Steve Fiske and Bob Popp  
Wes Cate, Anne Miller, Nick Seifert  
Brett Engstrom, Michael Sabourin, and Jenny Warshow  
Drew McNaughton, Pam Quinn, Brad Washburn  
Will Schwarz  
Joe Mangan  
Chris Bellamy, Dennis Ducharme, Richard Phillips  
Dennis Ducharme  
Albert St. Cyr

Chris seconded. All in favor. Chris moved to appoint Laura Badeau to the position of Lister, until the next Town Meeting. Rich seconded – all in favor.

**Nature Trail:** The Road Crew put material in to fill the problem area near the dry hydrant.

**Speed Study:** Regional Planning is going to be doing a speed study on several small town roads to see if it is feasible to change the speed limit to 25 mph.

**Delinquent Tax Sales:** Chris moved to authorize Bobbi to hire an attorney to conduct a tax sale. Rich seconded – all in favor.

**Personnel:** Bobbi approached the Board about the possibility of working flexible hours. The Board approved in concept but she will need to check with the State Retirement System and review the personnel policy to see how it would affect benefits.

**Utility Permit:** Washington Electric has applied for a permit to install some poles on AI Ennis Place. Chris moved to authorize Bobbi to sign the permit, and ask WEC to notify landowners when they will be cutting on their property. Rich seconded – all in favor.

**Lighting:** Justin Campbell gave the Selectboard copies of letters he has sent to his neighbor, David Herring, asking him to redirect the light on the back of his house because it shines directly onto Justin's house. The Town doesn't have any authority to do anything about it, as there is nothing in the zoning regulations about residential lighting.

**Wood Chips:** The Town received a request for wood chips but the road crew does not haul chips – they just chip down trees into the woods. Bobbi will suggest that the people contact the utility companies.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll and authorized Rich to sign them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 4, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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