

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors James Arisman, Vivian Davis, Dawn Clements

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andy Perchlik

Changes or additions to the agenda – Request for Special Event Permit, EMS update, purchase order for excavator upgrade

The Board decided to move the Stranahan Stewardship Committee applications to the end of the agenda so that if they enter executive session, those others present can leave. They moved the dog complaint to the beginning of the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes: 4/19, 5/3, 5/7 - tabled

Davis dog complaint: Andy explained that the Selectboard has received another complaint. Vivian explained that they got out on a day when she was having trouble with her back and she had to call a friend to come in and let them back in. She takes the collars off in the house because they are sensitive to other signals. She has the collars on most of the time when they are outside, but not always at night. She admitted that they bark at night but so do other dogs. Dawn stated that sometimes the neighbor's dogs come onto Vivian's property. Vivian feels like a target and she feels that the neighbors should also have a fence for their dogs.

Andy explained that the Town could give her a ticket if the dogs are out again. Chris explained that if the dogs are in the road and they get hit by a car or cause an accident, Vivian will be responsible for the damages. Bobbi explained that the neighbor has mentioned shooting the dogs if they are attacking his children or his dogs. James Arisman asked if Vivian could talk to the neighbors. She doesn't feel comfortable doing that. He suggested that she needs to keep her dogs safe. The Board suggested that she should contact the Town if her neighbor's dogs are loose. Vivian asked whether the neighbor's dogs are licensed. Bobbi will find out, and contact the neighbor and tell her to license her dogs if they are not already licensed.

Building Superintendent: The Board reviewed Ernie Penley's list of what his duties have been. The Board discussed several different options. They are investigating the costs of a cleaning service and the possibility of splitting the job between a cleaning person and a maintenance person. Laurie suggested investigating cleaning services, and separating the duties into two separate positions, a cleaner and a maintenance coordinator. The Board may advertise two positions and decide how best to proceed.

Trash/sanitary complaint – VT Route 232: James Arisman reported that the Town received a complaint from Sharyn Baum about someone dumping trash on her property, and also she is

concerned about someone living in a travel trailer on the Pyne property across the street. She found a bucket that appeared to contain feces. James has visited the site and he observed that the travel trailer doesn't have any water or septic connections. This is in violation of the health code and is also possibly in violation of the zoning regulations. The violation would be assessed against the property owner, Pat Pyne. James will follow up with a letter to the property owner, in consultation with Zoning Administrator Bob Light.

Sand bids: The Selectboard opened and read the bids.

- Jim Paradee - \$7 per yard
- Gravel Construction - \$7.20 per yard
- Newton Construction - \$6.49 per yard (but his bid was addressed to Waitsfield so the price may be a mistake)

While the Board was discussing the sand pile, they observed children playing on the pile. Laurie spoke to the kids to ask them to leave the pile. The sand pile is extremely dangerous and children have been killed when playing on sand piles that collapsed. Bobbi will put a notice of warning on Front Porch Forum and will contact some of the people involved with Little League to let them know about the dangers.

The Board will contact Newton to ask for clarification from Newton and will ask the Road Foreman if he has a preference. He has been happy with Jim Paradee who has delivered the sand for the last two years.

Road Tour: Andy, Chris and Dan met on May 7th to look at road projects.

Bunker Hill Circle: The Board will propose a change to the culvert in front of the Stanger residence.

Bailey Pond Road: The dam at Bailey Pond is not stable and the beaver baffle there does not seem to be working. The beaver dam is built on top of the man-made dam. The Board drafted a letter to the property owners.

Policies: The Board updated approved the Grant Management Policy, Purchasing and Reimbursement Policy, and Procurement Policy for Grant Programs.

Permit: The Board approved a special event permit to allow Queen City Brewery LLC to serve alcohol at an event at Onion River Campground.

Beavers: The state fur bearer technician did not come back this year so the state hired someone new who doesn't have any experience yet. We are on the list for help when the new person is trained, or we can hire a consultant.

Excavator: The Board approved the purchase of two new buckets for the excavator.

EMS: Chris reported that he attended a meeting regarding the Cabot Ambulance. They are down

to 6 active members, 9 on the roster. Other agencies are also having trouble with staffing issues.

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

Stranahan Stewardship Committee: The town clerk left the meeting in anticipation of the Selectboard entering executive session to discuss the applications to the Stewardship Committee.

The Selectboard members reviewed and discussed the nine applications received for the Stewardship Committee: Ellen Cooke, Joseph Gainza, Richard Phillips, Rain Banbury, James Arisman, Jenny Warshow, Sarah Fowler, Brett Engstrom, and Michael Sabourin.

The Selectboard considered calling in some or all of the applicants in for an interview and discussed the different qualifications, experience, and interests of the nine applicants. After a thorough discussion there were five applicants that all three Selectboard members were in agreement on appointing. There was further discussion about appointing two more to fill the seven available positions and which two applicants that would be.

There was specific and pointed discussion on whether or not to appoint the only prior Stewardship Committee member that applied to be on the newly created Committee, Jenny Warshow. After this discussion there was agreement to appoint Jenny to the Committee with the condition that she attend the Selectboard's 6/21/16 meeting to discuss her appointment with the Selectboard in an executive session.

Laurie moved that the following seven applicants be appointed to the Stranahan Stewardship Committee for the following terms:

Richard Phillips	3 year term
Sarah Fowler	3 year term
Ellen Cook	3 year term
Rain Banbury	3 year term
Brett Engstrom	2 year term
Michael Sabourin	2 year term
Jenny Warshow (<i>conditional</i>)	2 year term

Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andy agreed to call Jenny to request she attend the June 21st meeting.

The Selectboard decided to ask the Town Clerk to send a letter to those that were appointed and those that were not. A letter was drafted by Laurie and agreed to by Andy and Chris and left for the Town Clerk.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:22.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 17, 2016 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
