

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Rich Phillips, Jonathan Williams, Mike and Deb Sioufi

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: Eaton Cemetery, Model Communities/RAMP dinner, Fence, PC Resignation, Sand, Leibold Cows, Employee Breakfast

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: tabled

Model Communities: Rich asked for permission to pay for pizza and cider for the second community meeting of the RAMP program. The Board approved paying our share up to a total of \$600 for both meetings.

Employee Recognition: The Board approved reimbursing Rich for the cost of food for the volunteer breakfast. Rich estimates that the cost was about \$200.

Grant Program: Rich, Jonathan, and Bobbi met with Dan Currier from CVRPC about the Bike/Pedestrian grant program. Jonathan explained that there are two programs. The smaller program could be used to fund radar speed signs, with a 50% match. The larger program could be used for a scoping study to make improvements in the Village. The scoping study would be a long-term project. There is also a possibility to harmonize design with VTrans, to see what improvements could be made when they pave Route 2 in a couple of years. The scoping study would likely take too long to have anything ready for this round of paving, but through the harmonizing process, perhaps improvements could be made to the Cabot Road intersection. The Board discussed radar speed signs and how many should be installed. Jonathan will draft an application and bring it to the next Selectboard meeting.

Planning Commission: Kathleen Hayes resigned from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. The Board brainstormed ideas to get more volunteers.

Development Review Board: The Selectboard moved to appoint Robin Schunk and Jonathan Williams to serve as alternate DRB members for the June meeting, to fulfill a quorum.

Eaton Cemetery: Deb and Mike Sioufi came to address the Board about the cemetery. They asked where the trash can is. Chris removed the trash can for the winter; he will put it back. People are dumping their trash over the wall onto the Sioufi property. They believe that a transient may be sleeping in the cemetery. They asked for a sign that indicates that the cemetery is closed at night.

Chris will ask the Road Crew and/or the Cemetery Sexton to remove the trash when they are in the area. The Town will get signs with the hours.

Chris talked to Sexton Joe Mangan about painting the fence. Kaira Mangan is willing to do the job. The Board approved having her paint it.

Pike Cemetery: Pam Sicely has asked the Town to buy back her lots in Pike Cemetery. The Board discussed whether it is appropriate for the Town to buy back lots. Chris suggested that if the Town buys back the lots, there should be an affidavit that the lot hasn't been transferred to anyone else. The Board will continue to look at the legal issues.

Fence: The Board received a complaint that a fence fell down this winter and the landowner suspects that it was knocked down by the snow plow. The Board will look into it to see if the fence is in the right of way.

Health Officer: The Board needs to appoint a Deputy Health Officer to handle anything that comes up while the Health Officer is away. The Board will look for volunteers.

Survey: The State is looking for feedback to see if there is interest in having microcells in Town. Rich will fill out the survey on the Board's behalf.

Resilient Rights-of-Way: The Town received the report from the study. The Board will give a copy to the Road Crew and arrange a meeting with the report author to go over the recommendations. The Board will also work with the Road Crew on the three-year plan.

Sand: The Board approved purchasing sand from Gravel Construction again this year, and having it delivered by Jim Paradee again.

Library: The Board discussed the Library's request to fund training. The Board felt that the Library should pay for their training.

Cows: Chris reported that Leibold's cows have been out several times in the last week.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 21, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
