

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Library Director Susan Green; Visitors Katarina Lisaius, Mike Baril, Jason Stanger, Jenny Warshow, David Bookchin

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

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Trees on Holt Road, Sheriff Contract

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes with minor changes.

**Public Comment/Unscheduled Appearances:** Mike Baril came to the meeting to document what is happening with his neighbor and ask for the Board's advice. Phil Leibold has been sending him letters stating that he has to clean up trees that have fallen on the Leibold property, and has sent him a bill for cleaning up downed trees. Mr. Baril has walked the fence line and removed any trees that were on the fence, but doesn't want to go on the neighbor's property. Laurie read from "The Law of Trees" by Paul Gillies, but it doesn't specifically address fences. He asked if the Town's file of complaints about Mr. Leibold is public (it is). Bobbi will make copies available if needed.

**Outreach from Senator Sanders:** Katarina Lisaius from Senator Sanders's office to let the Board know that the Senator's office can be a resource for the Town when dealing with federal issues. There are grants and loans available and they can help with those as well.

**Bunker Hill Circle:** Jason Stanger attended the meeting at the Board's invitation, to discuss the drainage problem on Bunker Hill Circle. Chris explained that when the culvert near the Stanger property was installed by the developer years ago, it was installed at a 90 degree angle, when it should have been installed at a lesser angle. The culvert used to be filled in and the water used to come across the road and onto the Stanger property. Mr. Stanger has graded the lot so that the water no longer comes into his carport, at considerable time and expense, so the water is no longer a problem for his property. The Town has proposed putting a ditch on the other side of the road, but that would mean removing the earthwork that he has done to solve his drainage issues. Chris explained that this is one of the only places in town where the Town owns the road, rather than having a right of way. The Board only wants to fix the drainage. The culvert has never worked; it

fills in as soon as it is cleaned out. Chris explained that there are three options: the Town can leave the culvert plugged, but the water will wash out the end of the Brickeys' driveway. As a second option the Town can put a deep ditch on the Brickey side of the road but that would narrow the road considerably. The third option would be to change the angle of the culvert but that would put the water onto the Stanger property in a different location. The Board explained that with this option, the culvert could be buried so that it wouldn't show. Mr. Stanger asked what would happen if the Town went back to not maintaining the culvert. Chris stated that it might be a problem if the Brickey driveway washes out. Mr. Stanger asked if there would still be a problem if he put in a ditch to catch the water from the end of the culvert; he feels that the only problem now is that the water enters the Lawrence property. He offered to put some type of diversion in, to keep the water on his property.

**Old Schoolhouse Common, Maintenance:** The Town Clerk and Library Director think that we still need someone on call for maintenance if there is an issue when the Town Clerk's Office is not open. The Board discussed options including hiring a cleaning company and calling subcontractors when needed, or trying to find another person who would do both cleaning and maintenance. The Board decided to ask DunRite cleaning service to clean temporarily, and advertise for a custodian who would do both.

**Old Schoolhouse Common, Gym:** Chris met on site with the Fire Marshall and we cannot use carpet on the walls for soundproofing in the gym because it would not meet fire codes. He explained that there are products available for soundproofing but they are costly. At this point a separate wall has been built so the noise level will be reduced, but it may not be enough to make it quiet in the adjacent space. The Board discussed whether it is worth spending the extra money for soundproofing materials. The Board will paint the new wall and not add any material at this point, but Chris will continue to look for affordable soundproofing materials. He will look into getting the backboard put up, suspended from the ceiling. At this point the gym is not be available for sports until 5:00 p.m.

**Old Schoolhouse Common, Stove:** Lawrence Black is concerned that the pilot is on and he feels that an open flame is hazardous. The manufacturer recommends leaving the pilots lit. There was discussion that if the stove was used more leaving the pilot on would make more sense; leaving it on uses fuel and could be a hazard. If the pilot lights are off the stove can be lit with a match. Ernie used to deal with this on the days the kitchen was going to be used. No decision was made on how best to proceed as more investigations were needed.

**Policies:** The Board adopted the Rules of Procedure for Town Boards/Open Meeting Policy. They decided not to have a separate policy for each board, but each board will be asked to have an annual organizational meeting to set meeting dates, elect a chair, etc. The Board adopted a Conflict of Interest policy.

**Local Emergency Operations Plan:** The Board adopted the Local Emergency Operations Plan for 2016.

**Municipal Ordinance Bureau:** The Board designated themselves and James Arisman as issuing officials for violations of town ordinances

**Schedule special meeting to set tax rate:** The meeting will be Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

**Stranahan Stewardship Committee:** Andy moved that the Selectboard enter Executive Session to discuss Jenny Warshow's appointment to the Stranahan Stewardship Committee with Jenny. Chris seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. For the discussion David Bookchin accompanied Jenny.

**Fuel Bids:** The Board received the following bids:

	Propane Floating	Propane Fixed	Diesel Floating	Diesel Fixed	Heating Floating	Heating Fixed
Gillespie	<b>1.216</b>	1.39	1.95	N/A	1.85	2.06
Suburban	N/A	1.99	1.9999	2.13	1.9977	2.04
Packard	N/A	N/A	1.9109	N/A	1.8409	<b>1.98</b>
Dead River	1.532	N/A	<b>1.88</b>	2.1542	1.8947	2.0348

For propane, the Board accepted the floating price from Gillespie. For diesel fuel, the Board accepted the floating price from Dead River. For heating oil, the Board accepted the fixed price from Packard.

**Town garage – bids for furnace:** The Board received two bids requested by the Road Foreman. It was the understanding of the Board that there were other bids to be received. Andy suggested they table the review of the furnace bids until they had all the bids requested.

**Contracts:** The Board executed a contract with Central Vermont Humane Society for stray cats. They executed a contract with Washington County Sheriff for traffic patrols.

**Paving:** The Board executed a grant agreement for paving Creamery Street.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk  
and Andrew Perchlik, Selectboard Chair

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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