

## SELECTBOARD PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Crew Member Scott Ciampi; Visitors: David Torres; Anne Miller (Conservation Commission); Glenn Sturgis (Onion River Food Shelf); Robert Barnum; Ryan Kreis (Green Mountain Power).

**Route 2/Cabot Road alteration:** Bobbi, Rich, Michele, Chris, and Scott visited the intersection of Route 2 and Route 215.

At 5:50 p.m. the public hearing was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Rich explained that the intention is to make the intersection a T. David Torres reiterated his support for the project. Ryan Kreis from GMP explained the plan for moving power poles.

Rich moved to go ahead with the alteration. Michele seconded – all in favor. Bobbi will ask the attorney to draft the order.

The public hearing ended at approximately 6:10 p.m.

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Conservation Commission question about gravel pit; Fire Dept Communications; Cemetery Work

**Public Comment:** none

**School Street Bridge:** Ryan Kreis explained the contractor is going to have a crane on site to lift the bridge deck. GMP needs to temporarily alter the power lines at the site to meet OSHA regulations for clearance. He asked who should receive the bill. The Town has a lump sum contract for the construction so it is assumed that this will be part of the Contractor's expenses.

**Food Shelf:** Glenn Sturgis explained that he is a co-coordinator of the Onion River Food Shelf. The food shelf is getting more and more perishable donations. They have 3 refrigerators and 3 freezers. He explained that a coolbot would use an air conditioner to increase their refrigeration capacity and possibly be more efficient. If they had more refrigerated space, he could accept and provide more fresh food. He is going to apply for a couple of grants and it wouldn't cost the Town anything. He questioned whether it would be possible to install an air conditioner in an outside wall, given that this is a historic building. The Board explained that this will not be a problem unless the funding is from a state grant that requires historical review. The coolbot would allow them to get rid of the three refrigerators. They might possibly need to install another freezer to replace the top freezers in the current refrigerators. The Board approved.

**Gravel Pit:** The Conservation Commission has raised concerns that there is knotweed at the old gravel pit and if the Road Crew takes material out, they might spread it. Scott indicated that they

have only taken material out after the flood in 2011. The Conservation Commission offered to try to get rid of it. Scott noted that they add ditching material, and will likely end up adding it back in.

**Cemetery Work:** The Road Crew did some work in the cemetery to expand the usable area in Eaton Cemetery. The labor and fringe will be charged to the Cemetery fund.

Joe Mangan notified the Board that the fence at New Discovery Cemetery needs to be fixed, and there are holes that need to be filled in at Eaton Cemetery. The work will cost \$1,850. The Board approved. The Board discussed whether we need to mow all of the cemeteries every week. Some of the older cemeteries may be able to be mowed less often.

**Maintenance/Road Crew:** The Board has been unsuccessful finding someone to do the maintenance at the Old Schoolhouse Common. They discussed with Scott the possibility of making a position to combine the temporary road crew hours, the maintenance, the mowing, and sidewalk snow removal. It doesn't sound like it will work because the Road Crew needs someone especially in the summer, and that is when the mowing and more building maintenance needs to be done. The Board did not make a decision.

**Hollister Hill Road:** Scott is going to meet with Patrick Pfeifer to view what he is asking permission to do.

**Picnic Shelter:** The State will not issue a permit based on preliminary plans. We don't have final construction plans yet, but we should have them soon. Rich is submitting the application for the grant. The Town is committing \$25,000 out of the OSC building fund, and we need at least \$18,000 from the grant in order to proceed. Chris and Michele agreed to have Rich represent the Town at the Development Review Board hearing on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Library request for an air conditioner:** The Board agreed to allow the Library to install an air conditioner but it has to come out of Library funds.

**Fire Department Communications:** The Board has received information from the Fire Department regarding new communications equipment for the Capital District. The Board approved a resolution supporting the project.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

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A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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