

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Lew Graham, Cavan Meese, Jackie Rieke

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: basketball hoop, cemetery lot purchase, drive-in movie, OSC parking lot, library grant, Emerald Ash Borer plan, Hitching Post

Public Comment:

Review and Approval of Minutes: Approved minutes of August 18, 2020

Onion River Campground: Cavan Meese would like to show drive-in movies at the Onion River Campground. He has been showing movies around Vermont and would like to show movies three nights per week for three weeks at the campground. Rich explained that the Selectboard does not have any authority over zoning and can't override what the Development Review Board has decided. Cavan would like to have Positive Pie serving alcohol and would like the Selectboard to approve a catering license. Rich moved to approve the permit application. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Candidate Forum: Lew Graham wants to use the Old Schoolhouse Common gazebo for a candidate forum for his bid for the legislature. The Selectboard looked at the rental policy for the Old Schoolhouse and it states "Room rentals are not available for political events sponsored by any political parties or groups which represent political views. This rule does not include meetings being held by state or federal representatives or state or federal staff presenting information about state activities or policies. This rule does also not exclude political parties holding regular caucus meetings." The Board discussed whether the policy would prohibit using the grounds for a political activity. Mr. Graham does not consider this to be a political activity. He wants to come and have his opposing candidate come to answer questions from prospective voters. Rich and Chris explained that they do not want political activity on town property because the property should remain apolitical. Rich explained that the policy was written so that everyone would be treated the same, and if this was allowed, they would have to allow all candidates and political activities to take place on town property and they don't think it would be appropriate. Mr. Graham chose the Old Schoolhouse because it is known to everyone and easy for people, but he will look for an alternative location. The Board suggested he consider the Marshfield Village Store or the Onion River Campground.

Abatements: The Selectboard will meet on September 16th instead of the 15th, and the Board of Abatement will also meet.

COVID update: The Board and Bobbi brainstormed procedures for the upcoming election.

Cemetery Lots: The Board approved the sale of two cemetery lots at the residential rate.

Library Grant: The Board approved having Bobbi sign a grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Marshfield.

Emerald Ash Borer: Tabled until the next meeting

Efficiency Vermont: Dan Tetreault has been getting estimates for new water heaters for the Old Schoolhouse Common. The Board discussed whether an on-demand or heat recovery water heater would work better.

Speed Enforcement: Chris explained that we need to update our speed limit signs. CVRPC may have grant money available for signs. The task force is meeting Thursday. They need to identify the problem areas, and then the Board will put up new signs.

Cabot Recycling Center: Chris talked to a member of the Cabot Selectboard and that Board member suggested that we send our questions in writing to the Cabot Board. Rich wonders if there should be a question at town meeting about whether or not to support the Cabot recycling facility, because many people probably have their recycling picked up with their trash. Chris wondered if we could get someone to come to Marshfield to collect trash and recycling.

Pickup: The Fire Department is interested in keeping the pickup for their use. The Fire Chief and firefighters will discuss this at their upcoming meeting.

Hitching Post: The Board received an email from the director, asking their opinion about the best time to do the installation in light of COVID. The Board agreed that this is not the correct time to encourage ride sharing.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll, and authorized Rich to sign on behalf of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
