

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Kate Hayes (Zoning Administrator); Susan Green (Library Director)

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: transportation enhancement grants, flood survey

Public Comment: none

Minutes: tabled

Solar panels: Nick Seifert stated that the Energy Committee feels that the solar maintenance contract is a good idea. The Board feels that they can only do a one-year contract without voter approval but the vendor has not responded about whether that would be allowed.

Nick presented three possibilities for additional solar. He will research options and come back to the board with more details.

Zoning: Kate Hayes explained an ongoing issue with a trailer on Toby Danforth's property, too close to Charley Burbank's property. It is in the Burbank right of way and too close to the road. Danforth has also put in a building with no permit.

Kate and the Board discussed the number of projects that can be on one permit (unlimited) and the criteria for a Certificate of Occupancy, and the procedure for reissuing an expired permit. Rich moved to add a fee to the zoning fee schedule, \$25 for reissuance of a previous valid permit that meets current regulations. Chris seconded – all in favor.

The Selectboard and Kate discussed the procedures for enforcement and consultation with the Town Attorney for zoning issues.

Old Schoolhouse Common: Susan Green asked permission to put a 4' x 10' vinyl storage closet outside the building in the back entryway, under the stairwell. She has a grant to pay for it. The Board agreed. She asked for permission to put a combination lock box on the outside of the building to keep the building keys. The Board agreed. She also asked about the possibility of doing something to make the library exit safer. Chris will get some outdoor matting to put outside the door because it is slippery. The Town is still considering building a porch on the side of the building. It is not clear at this point whether ARPA money could be used to pay for the porch.

Picnic Shelter: the Board discussed possible locations.

Library Porch: The Board received a design proposal from DeWolfe Engineering for \$3,500.

They received a proposal from Black River Design (in July) for \$3,890. They decided to wait until after Town Fair to proceed, when it is more clear whether ARPA funds can be used.

Internship: Bobbi explained that the Town has an intern to help with public engagement. The internship program is facilitated by UVM and VLCT.

Upper Depot Bridge: The Board has asked whether the weight limit should be lowered on the bridge. The State has not gotten back to us.

Ordinances: Chris moved to adopt the drafts of the livestock ordinance, and amendments to the animal control ordinance, traffic ordinance, and the cemetery ordinance. Michele seconded – all in favor.

Rich moved to adopt the cemetery rules dated September 21, 2021. Chris seconded – all in favor.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
