

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 16, 2019, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Visitors Jonathan Williams, Andrew Bent, Bret Meyer, Will Schwarz (Fire Chief)

At 5:35 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

1. Transportation Alternatives Grant. Grant application is due November 22nd. The board needs to hold a public hearing to advise the public of the goals and intended scope of work. Traffic calming can be included which would fund the cost of the road signs we want to install on Cabot Road, Route 2 and Creamery Street. This requires a 20% match by the town which may be cash or in kind service.

We need to schedule and warn a public hearing for November 5th to consider the Transportation Alternatives Grant. A notice of the hearing must be published at least 7 days ahead of the hearing, which means we cannot post it any later than October 29th.

2. EC Fiber Optics. Jonathon advised the board on the progress made by this group and potential state funding available for expansion. Jonathon will provide a written update for the Town Report.
3. Sheriff's Department & Report of Speeding on Town Roads. Bret Meyer and Andrew Bent attended the meeting from the sheriff's department. They asked the board to consider a tri-town work agreement with Cabot and Plainfield to support the work currently being done. They are working to mostly deal with motor vehicles to reduce speed on roads and highways. They seem to be doing more police work in the communities. We discussed the speeds on the roads and the impact that a newly paved roadway will have on people traveling through town. Jonathon will provide the traffic study that was done to determine times of day that speeding has historically occurred for monitoring efforts. Brent encouraged the board to review ordinances regarding signs and posted speeds. He indicated we should list all roads and their respective signs, particularly stop signs. There was also mention that we may need to replace some signs because they don't meet the current standards (reflectivity).
4. Will Schwarz & Fire Station Siren. The fire station's siren is currently out of service being repaired. Will will check in with Steve Bronstein to see how the repair is coming. We also discussed the use of the siren for the fire department to warn the town of impending flooding requiring evacuation. A proposed procedure will be developed, coordinated with the current emergency operations plan and then disseminated. Will and Laurie will work on this.

5. School Board Vacancy. The board wondered if Bobbi had heard from VLCT regarding the board's ability to appoint someone to the school board. There was some concern that the ability to appoint may have changed with Act 46. There have been no applicants to date.
6. Reappraisal RFP. If the town attorney and the Tax Department's District Advisor have approved the RFP and are satisfied with the scope of work and criteria included, the selectboard moves to have Bobbi send it out.
7. Cemetery Deed. Chris moved, Rich seconded and all in favor to change the wording on the deed so that it covers the right for a burial and not the ability to transfer the property to another party.
8. Emergency Tree Work Contract. Signing of this was postponed in order to have a witness of the board signatures.
9. Minutes. The minutes of October 2nd were approved with two small typos corrected.
10. Payroll and Bills. The board reviewed, approved and signed.
11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Colgan, Selectboard Member

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 16, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
