

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Crew member Shane Brickey; Visitors Fred and Gail Barnett, Michael Stark

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

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** speed limit signs

**Public Comment:** none

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The board approved the minutes of 10/6

**Railroad Bed Parking:** Fred Barnett explained that people are parking in Bemis Farm Road to use the railroad bed. The lights shine in his windows and they are parking on a corner. Rich Baker explained that many more people are using the railroad bed than they were 17 years ago. He believes that the railroad bed is getting more use than the Stranahan Town Forest. He has met with the Road Crew about making a parking area there. It would be about \$1,000 in materials and 2-3 days of work for the road crew to make a parking area with 5-6 parking spots. This would be on property that belongs to the Town. Michael Stark stated that he appreciates 5 or 6 spots but there are sometimes a dozen cars up there, parking all the way to Darling Road. Rich said there could be more parking spaces. Michael explained that there have been fender benders and people have been blocked in. Those present looked at the maps and discussed possible locations and the possibility of asking Forest Farmers if they would allow a future parking site near the intersection of the Railroad Bed and Bailey Pond Road. Laurie moved to create the parking lot and try to get it done before winter and put in a culvert to make it easier for the road crew to plow in the winter. Chris seconded; all in favor.

**Speed Limit Signs:** Shane estimates that we need 10 more signs at a cost of \$1,033. Rich explained that the town voted to create a task force to decide how to spend the \$8,000 that was appropriated by the voters. The task force voted to use the money to do as many signs as we need, and then use the rest for extra patrols. Shane will order speed limit signs for the locations that need them now, and Bobbi will ask Regional Planning to do a speed study for Gilman St, Upper Depot Rd, Grist Mill Pl, Church St, English Cemetery RD, Bunker Hill Cir, and Folsom Hill Rd.

**Policy for Fill:** Rich suggested that the town should have a policy for when people want fill from the road crew when they are ditching. Bobbi suggested that we could have a form for the homeowner to sign, indicated that they are responsible for damage and they have checked for utilities, etc. Bobbi will check with VLCT and other towns for sample policies

**Folsom Hill Visibility:** The Town received another complaint about the lilac bush at the bottom of Folsom Hill Road. The bush causes people to have to pull out into Route 2 to see beyond it. Shane feels that it should be cut down or dug up and moved. It is in the right-of-way for both Route

2 and Folsom Hill Road. Bobbi will contact the State to see if they will work with the Town to solve the issue. The Board discussed possibly making it a T-intersection.

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

Snow Removal

Matt Destino	\$125 per visit
Anthony Russell	\$100 per inch

Rich moved to award the snow removal to Matt Destino. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

Cemetery Care and burials

Kirkyard Services	\$10,500 for mowing, \$600/\$250 for burials
Ian Ackermann	\$9,500 for mowing, \$600/\$250 for burials

Chris moved to award the cemetery mowing to Kirkyard Services (Joe Mangan) due to his experience and his work as the Sexton. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

Old Schoolhouse Common mowing

Ian Ackermann	\$100 per mowing
Maplecrest Enterprises	\$100 per mowing
Dale Blair	\$115 per mowing
Seth Graves	\$115 per mowing

Martin Covered Bridge mowing

Ian Ackermann	\$60 per mowing
Kirkyard Services	\$75 per mowing
Seth Graves	\$60 per mowing

Chris moved to award the Old Schoolhouse mowing to Maplecrest Enterprises and the Covered Bridge mowing to Ian Ackermann. Rich seconded – all in favor.

**Grants in Aid:** The Board authorized Bobbi to sign the letter of intent.

**Elections Grant:** Bobbi notified the Board that she received a \$5,000 grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life. They authorized Bobbi to sign the grant agreement. They discussed possible uses for the money. They authorized Bobbi to reserve the tent and pay the deposit.

**Reappraisal:** The Board discussed the reappraisal contract. Laurie will finish the draft and bring it to the next Selectboard meeting.

**Next Meetings:** The Board will change their meeting from November 3 to November 5 at 5:30.

**Zoning:** Mitch had a conflict and couldn't attend the meeting tonight. The Board will try to

schedule a meeting with him on a different night.

At 7:30 Rich moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Laurie seconded – all in favor. The board returned to open session at 7:40.

**Cabot Recycling:** The Board asked Bobbi to send the letter that Chris drafted, asking Cabot to charge individuals for recycling rather than passing the cost to all Marshfield taxpayers.

**Efficiency Vermont:** Chris will follow up with Dan Tetreault about the hot water heater replacement.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll and authorized Rich to sign them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 20, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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