

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Kempton Randolph (Hooker Mountain Farm Distillery), Sarah Galbraith (Stranahan Stewardship Committee)

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: radon test

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the February 19, 2018 meeting because it was unclear whether they had been approved in the spring. Rich abstained. The Board approved the October 9, 2018 minutes.

Tasting Room: Kempton Randolph gave the Selectboard an overview of the tasting room that Hooker Mountain Farm Distillery has set up at the Marshfield Village Store. They are only allowed to serve small samples of their spirits and sell bottles of their product as a tasting room, but they recently held a special event where they were allowed to sell special cocktails to showcase their product. They are hoping to do special events perhaps once each month. The Selectboard approved a special event permit for November 9 and 10.

Stranahan Town Forest: Sarah Galbraith submitted an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the bike club (Riders in Marshfield and Plainfield). The amendment defines the location of the bike trail that was approved previously, starting at the Jake Martin Road parking lot and ending at the Moon field. The Board approved the amendment.

Mowing Bids: The Board received the following bids:

Cemeteries Kirkyard Services (Joe Mangan) - \$10,500 for mowing, \$600 for full burials, \$250 for cremation burials. Chris moved to accept this bid. Rich seconded – all in favor. The cemetery fees will be reviewed at another meeting.

Martin Covered Bridge Kirkyard Services, \$1,500 per season, and Shane Gochey and Seth Graves, \$70 per mowing. Chris moved to accept the Kirkyard bid of \$1,500 for the season – Rich seconded, all in favor.

Old Schoolhouse Common Shane Gochey and Seth Graves, \$115 per mowing. Chris moved to accept this bid. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

Better Back Roads Grant: The Board approved an application for a grant to do an erosion inventory as required by the Municipal Roads General Permit, and authorized Bobbi to apply for another Better Backroads grant for a remediation if there are any projects that have been identified

by the road crew and/or the Regional Planning Commission.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant: The Board approved a funding certificate for a grant to update the Town’s hazard mitigation plan; the Town has a plan but it has to be kept current in order to be eligible for FEMA disaster assistance.

Central Vermont Internet: The Board received a copy of the budget and annual report for CVI. CVI will hold a public hearing on November 13 to hear comments on the budget and report.

Updates: The owner of the car on School Street has removed it from the road. The Sheriff’s Office recommended updating our traffic ordinance to cover cars in the road, to allow for quicker towing.

Solid Waste District: The Town received a notice about the Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District budget, with a notice that there will be a charge this year because they need to buy a new baler. The cost will be approximately \$1,420 per year for the Town of Marshfield.

Radon: The Town received a report that the new Village office in the Old Schoolhouse Common tested positive for radon. Rich noted that it was a 3-day quick test, and he suggested doing a longer-term test because they are more accurate. The Board asked Bobbi to order some test kits.

Meeting Dates: The Selectboard meetings in November will be on the 13th and 27th, to avoid Election Day.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 23, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
