

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Toby Danforth (via telephone); Fire Chief Will Schwarz

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

Changes or additions to the agenda: Justice of the Peace election, welcome sign, abatement

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: Approved the minutes of 10/20/20

Right of Way: Toby Danforth owns property on Hollister Hill Road adjacent to a Right of Way owned by Charley Burbank. Toby has a camper on the land, and Charley believes that it might be too close to the right-of-way. Charley has contacted Chris to state that he is willing to pay for a survey to locate a pin, but he wants to know that the Zoning Administrator will address the issue if he finds that the camper is within the setbacks. Toby doesn't know what the issue with a pin would be. Chris explained that Charley has talked about the camper impeding his right-of-way and his ability to plow snow. Rich Baker asked whether the camper could be moved. Toby explained that it could be moved, it is on wheels, but he doesn't have a way to move it. Rich explained that zoning doesn't regulate campers. There is a small room (perhaps 9' x 7') built next to it. It is probably 30 feet from the center of the driveway. Rich explained that anything under 100 ft² only needs to have a 10 ft setback. The actual location of the property lines is unknown. There was a survey done by a previous neighbor but that owner did not record the survey. Rich explained that the Zoning Administrator can't bring an enforcement action until there is a survey or some evidence of a violation.

The Board asked about another trailer on the property. Toby explained that he hopes to use the trailer for storage. Rich explained that he would need a zoning permit for that structure, even though it is on wheels.

Toby also stated that the Codling Brothers have done some logging on the other side of his property and perhaps took some of his trees. The Selectboard explained that the Town doesn't have jurisdiction over logging.

Delinquent Taxes: Tim Booth has expressed to Laurie that there shouldn't be a fee for late taxes. The Board discussed that taxpayers should not trust the US Mail.

Zoning Administrator: Mitch Osiecki has sent a letter of resignation to the Selectboard, due to his inability to devote enough time to the position. He offered to stay on until the Board finds a new Zoning Administrator. Rich moved to accept his resignation and appoint him as acting Zoning Administrator until a replacement can be found.

Abatement: The Christ Covenant Church has appealed their abatement decision. Bobbi and Laurie will talk to an attorney. The Board authorized Laurie to decide whether to use the attorney for this case.

Mowing and Cemeteries: The Board authorized Chris to sign the mowing and cemetery contracts.

Pickup: The Selectboard authorized the transfer of the 2012 pickup to the Fire Department. \$11,000 will be transferred from the Fire Department equipment fund to the Highway equipment fund. They will pick it up soon.

Fire Communications: Will Schwarz explained that the Central Vermont area emergency service agencies have been working to acquire a new, state of the art communications system to be shared by 18 towns. The cost will be \$2,500 per year for 10 years.

Reappraisal Contract: The Board will ask an attorney to review the draft contract.

Folsom Hill visibility: The State has so far not provided any assistance. There are two power poles at the intersection. Chris will find out who owns the pole and ask for one of them to be removed.

OSC Leases: The Selectboard discussed whether to allow political signs in the windows of the Old Schoolhouse Common. Something will be written into the leases to disallow signs facing out from the building.

Recycling Center: The Board discussed options for providing recycling service for Marshfield.

Parking Area: The parking area on the railroad bed is complete. The Selectboard will ask the Road Crew to put up a sign directing people to the parking area and asking them not to park on the road.

Justices of the Peace: Bobbi explained that there is a three-way tie for two positions. She has contacted Meg Eberhardt, Michael Sabourin, and George Harris to see if they would accept the position. If no one declines, the Town will need to hold a run-off election.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the November 5, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
