

PRESENT: Bruce Gould, Preston Bristow, John Doten, Bob Holt, Grettie Howe,
Phil Swanson, Mary Riley, Samantha Holcomb,
David Brown, Nick Ferro, Beth Finlayson, Jeffrey Kahn,
Charlie Kimbell, George Sadowsky,
Michelle Fields, Macy Lawrence.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Howe called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE POSTED AGENDA

Additions to the Posted Agenda were approved on a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow. Motion approved.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS: none this evening.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hazard Mitigation Plan

Samantha Holcomb presented the Hazard Mitigation plan which was adopted by the Board of Village Trustees at their last meeting. Adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan that is approved by FEMA will provide a higher level of State Funding in federally declared disaster situations which will require a lesser amount of local match.

Ms. Holcomb noted that the plan will be submitted to FEMA then returned to the Board for final acceptance. Ms. Holcomb noted the Board need not take action this evening.

B. Gator Loan - Authorize Agent to Sign Loan Documents

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Ms. Howe, the Select Board voted to authorize Municipal Manager Philip Swanson to sign loan documents on behalf of the town relating to the Gator (rescue vehicle). Motion approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. E C Fiber

George Sadowsky and David Brown presented an update on EC Fiber activities and spoke about an Article for Town Meeting Warning related to creation of a Vermont Telecommunications District which will replace the existing Interlocal Contract, with E C Fiber, of which the Town is currently a member. Proposed language for the Article was submitted.

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow the Select Board voted to place an Article on the Warning for Annual Town Meeting. Motion approved.

B. Economic Development Commission

Charlie Kimbell was present to discuss Article options for the Economic Development Commission. Discussion involved an article to establish a reserve fund and to vote to approve an option tax. Following discussion it was agreed that if the 1% option tax is approved at Town Meeting, there will be a Special Town Meeting at a later time for a vote to establish a fund.

Mr. Kimbell also asked that a process be set up for review and appointment to the Economic Development Commission, since commission membership originally appointed has declined significantly.

C. Town Meeting

1. Discussion of Wording for Warned Articles

Special Articles to be included in the Warning for Annual Town Meeting were briefly discussed.

2. Australian Ballot Voting

Mr. Swanson asked the Board if there should be discussion at Annual Meeting on February 28, 2015, involving all public questions being voted by Australian Ballot. He noted that there is often question following Town Meeting concerning why particular questions were not voted on Australian ballot.

The Select Board agreed this could be an Article on the Warning but expressed their concern that Town Meeting has changed significantly over the years and this would have great impact on attendance, which has decreased significantly.

3. Schedule Meeting to Sign Warning for 2015 Annual Meeting

The Select Board set the date of Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. as the date and time to sign the Warning for Annual Town Meeting.

4. Pentangle Petition

Alita Wilson, Director of Pentangle, presented the petition for a Special Article on the Warning of Town Meeting to the Town Clerk before the deadline, as required. The petition is short 16 signatures and Ms. Wilson asked if the Board would consider placing the article on the Warning for Town Meeting.

On a motion of Mr. Bristow, second Ms. Howe, the Select Board voted to place the petition of Pentangle, which is 16 signatures short, on the warning for annual meeting.

D. Vermont Overland Maple Adventure Ride

Peter Vollers was present to present an application for the Vermont Overland Maple Adventure Ride to be scheduled concurrent with Maple Madness Weekend. This would be the second Maple Adventure Ride and his intent is to feature a different sugar house each year.

Following brief discussion, on a motion of Mr. Holt, second Ms. Howe the Select Board voted to approve a permit for the Vermont Overland Maple Adventure Ride to be held on Sunday, March 29, 2015. Motion approved.

E. Certificate of Highway Mileage

The Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage prepared by the State of Vermont was briefly reviewed.

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Doten the Select Board voted to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Motion approved.

F. Overweight Truck Permit Applications

Overweight Truck Permit Applications for David Goodhouse and Thomas Hersey Construction LLC were reviewed by Mr. Doten and he made a motion to approve the permits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holt. Motion approved.

G. Snowmobile Trails

Snowmobile Trails for the current season were reviewed. On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow the Select Board voted to establish the snowmobile trails as:

- Class III Town Highways #'s
 - 10 Larry Curtis Road
 - 11 Quinn Road
 - 20 Grassy Lane
 - 34 Arthur Morgan Road
 - 37 Noah Wood Road
 - 82 Academy Circle

Town Highway #35 from the Lincoln Covered Bridge east, approximately 1000 feet

Town Highway #47 from the Trailer Park to the edge of Beaver Meadow

- Class IV sections Town Highways #'s
 - #38 Bourdon Rd.
 - #12 Long Hill

Motion approved.

H. Roads Posting

Annual Road Posting was reviewed by the Select Board. On a motion of Mr. Bristow, second Mr. Doten the Select Board approved the following roads to be posted as conditions require:

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| Austin Rd TR 21 | Gully TR 87 |
| Bryant Road TR 63 | Happy Valley TR 75 |
| Church Hill TR 27 | Hartland Hill TR 73 |
| College Hill TR 52 to 35 | Long Hill TR 12, 35, 36 |
| Cabot Road TR 122 | Morgan Hill TR 54 |
| Cox District TR 23, 15, 17 | Noah Wood TR 37 |
| Curtis Hollow Rd TR 5, 7, 10, 12 | North Bridgewater TR 18 |
| Densmore Hill Road TR65 | Prosper TR 3 |
| Dunham Hill Road TR66 | Old River Road TR 53 |
| Fletcher Hill TR 35 | Sawyer Road TR78 |
| Fletcher Schoolhouse Road TR 36 | Westerdale Road TR 16 |
| Folding Hills Road TR64 | Liberty Farm Rd. TR 28 |

Motion approved.

I. Town Report

Cover The Select Board agreed to place a photo of the Emergency Services Building on the cover of the Town Report.

Dedication The Annual Report will be dedicated to retiring Fire Chief L.D. Sutherland, Jr.

VI. BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

A. Application for Increase in Sewer Use

The Board of Sewer Commissioners considered an application for an increase of 2 bedrooms to accommodate an apartment at 52 Pleasant Street.

On a motion of Ms. Howe, second Mr. Bristow, the Select Board voted to approve a permit for increased sewer use at 52 Pleasant Street for a 2 bedroom apartment. Motion approved.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of December 16, and budget workshops of January 6, and 13 were approved on a motion of Mr. Doten, second Holt. Motion approved.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

ADDITIONS TO THE POSTED AGENDA

A. Review Liquor License Applications

Liquor License Application were reviewed for the Village Butcher and R. L. Vallee Corp, d/b/a Maplefields. All taxes for these businesses are current.

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow the Select Board voted to approve Liquor Licenses for Village Butcher Shop and R. L. Vallee Corp., d/b/a Maplefields. Motion approved.

B. Review Contract for Police Services in the Town

Mr. Gould reported on his discussion with the Board of Village Trustees following the Select Board's Budget Workshop and discussion on Chief Blish. The proposal for the Town to pay 30% of police costs for those sections of the budget where 25% has been paid for the coming fiscal year and 33% for the following year. It has been customary to sign a contract for a term of two years.

Chief Blish will make an effort to achieve a truly accurate report of the police department's time spent in service the Town to address any questions or concerns of both Boards.

Following brief discussion, on a motion of Holt, second Mr. Bristow the Select Board voted to approve a 2 year contract as proposed. Motion approved.

C. Adopt Road and Bridge Standards

The State of Vermont has required another adoption of Road and Bridge Standards. The Select Board reviewed the information and on a motion of Mr. Bristow, second Ms. Howe the Select Board voted to approve the Road and Bridge Standards most recently submitted by the State of Vermont. Motion approved.

D. Certificate of Compliance with Standards

Along with the Standards a Certification of Compliance with the Standards is required.

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Ms. Howe, the Select Board voted to sign a certification of compliance with Road and Bridge Standards. Motion approved.

IX. REVIEW EXPENSE WARRANTS

The Select Board reviewed and approved Expense Warrants for the Town.

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Ms. Howe, the Select Board voted to adjourn the meeting following signing of the Expense Warrants.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riley
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Bruce Gould, Chair

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Preston Bristow

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John Doten

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Bob Holt

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Margaretta Howe