

## **TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT**

### **MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD-REGULAR MEETING Monday, April 3, 2017**

#### **Select board members present:**

Cheri Goldstein

James “Ted” Lamb

Jeff Salvador

#### **Guests present:**

Katie Winkeljohn ( Town Clerk)

Brian Powers ( Road Foreman)

Joe Audet

Stewart Clark

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes of last meeting discussed and Ted asked to have them amended and revised due to lack of detail and substance.

Discussed protocol of selectboard meeting and template we are using. Jeff asked if we are following Roberts Rules of Order. Ted and Cheri agreed we try to, Ted presented VLCT procedures for a Vt Selectboard Meeting and asked that we review and decide to adopt at the next meeting. Jeff asked for the definition of “Public”, Cheri responded she believed it was defined as any resident of Worcester. Jeff then questioned the definition of “Resident”. Discussion was ended until review of VLCT procedures which were handed out. Vote at next meeting to either adopt VLCT procedures or not.

#### **NEW BUSINESS/ PUBLIC INPUT**

Brian Powers Road Foreman stated the roads are in good shape, no needs at this time. Discussion ensued about the definition of a class I and Class II Road and the possibility of grinding up Minister Brook Road and turning it back into Dirt/Gravel. Brian stated the road bed is too wet, and that if this was done it would probably be unpassable in the spring via car, causing residents to either walk or find another way around. There was further discussion on requirements for paving different types of roads and what the State of Vermont requires. Stu Clark presented Katie with some research of Vermont Statute he had found online, and stated “ The Town can do with it what they want”. He and the board then discussed the requirements of paving and what the State required opposed to what the Town did and needed. No determination was made.

Selectboard all agreed that a Member of the Fire Department needed to be at each meeting to discuss their activities and needs. Katie will put them on the agenda going forward and notify the membership.

### **Joe Audet Tax Sale**

Joe does not want to “get penalized for taxes he can’t pay”. This pertains to a residence he purchased through a tax sale. Time of sale unclear, as Joe thought it was in October, and Town seems to recollect it was in August. Questions of Escrow came up, Katie recommended that Joe speak with the Attorney. Cheri recommended that Joe put the tax money in Escrow. Katie agreed to make the call with him to the attorney on Tuesday to arrange payment and possible escrow. Joe agreed he would do this and come into the Town Office on Tuesday to make the call.

### **Planning Commission/ Member Review**

Ted spoke with Bill, they have 4 new members, so plus himself, that totals 5 members for this commission. Discussion of how they report to the Selectboard. Ted referred to the Town Plan and a link he had sent out. Ted reviewed the duties of the Planning commission and their procedures for drafting plan and sending to the selectboard for approval. Stu Clark interjected regarding procedure Interpretation and the minor changes they are going to make to the Town Plan. Discussion continued and Zoning was mentioned as hopefully not one of the changes that will ensue.

### **Town Service Officer - Review**

Board decided to table the Service Officer discussion until next meeting.

### **LEOP**

Cheri moved we adopt with updates, Ted seconded and it was adopted. Jeff asked for a copy of the current Operations Plan.

### **Ladd Field Moving**

Mowing/Haying of Ladd Field prior to 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks event. Dot Davy and Jesse LaCombe presented the following draft of what they would do :  
“Dot Davy and Jessie Lacombe will, weather providing, hay the haymeadow by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. If this is not possible they will brushhog it by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for \$200.”  
Discussion ensued about the timing, and fertilizer. Type of Fertilizer was discussed pertaining to chemicals versus natural, cow manure. Cheri motioned to accept the Hay Meadow mowing plan according to the two farmer’s written plan. Ted seconded and the motion passed. In the planning commission meeting, members of the planning commission suggested the possibility of revitalizing the haymeadow with proper nutrients and seed. Colleen Kutin agreed to get Dot Davy figures on exact acreage so she could look into the cost of spreading pot ash or pellet fertilizer. Colleen agreed to contact UVM to check on soil testing.

### **Basketball Court to Skating Rink**

Discussion about an email Cheri and Jeff had received from the Doty Principal Matt Young about the possibility of turning the basketball court in the winter into a skating Rink. The School would be responsible for all the materials. Discussion about the location of the rink ensued along with the liability of having a rink on town property. Katie agreed to contact the towns insurance agency to check on liability issues. Location potential of the old town garage and salt shed behind the recycling center was discussed along with parking issues depending on where the rink was located. Cheri to contact Matt regarding a different location.

### **Hancock Brook Road Liability**

Jeff brought up the fact that the town could be liable for travelers in motor vehicles during winter months on Hancock Brook Road since one of the local residents was keeping it plowed for convenience. Jeff also stated that there is not sign on either end indicating that this section is a class IV road and not maintained, and he recommended that a sign be placed on either end such as other towns do to state mainly, "travel at own risk". Katie agreed to look into this potential of liability with the Towns insurance company and report back at the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Hall floors request for bid was discussed. Ted volunteered to put together working for the RFQ and would have it ready at the next meeting for discussion.

Katie obtainining bids from Contractors for the EOV recommended updates to the Town Lighting fixtures. Katie estimates rebates of \$3800 after installation.

Scanner/Printer, Katie investigating services and equipment that provides digital land management systems. Discussion about benefits and costs involved such as \$350 per month fee to lease the hardware and software to update over a 5 year period. Katie to investigate what other towns our size have and use.

**Correspondance:** none discussed

**Announcements:** The next regularly-scheduled Selectboard meeting will be on at 6:30 pm at the Worcester Town Clerk's Office on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> .

**Bills:** Signed as presented by the three members of the Selectboard.

Ted advised Katie she will be on the agenda in the future to update the Board on news and old investigations and Town news.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest: Jeff Salvador