

Minutes of June 8, 2015 Select Board Meeting

Present: Board members Bill Hall, Carl Russell and Lisa Hill. Others present: Town Manager Keith Arlund, Assistant Town Manager Abbie Sherman, Geneva Gaiko, Eleanor Griffin, Corey Stearns, and Lucien Hinkle.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Public Comment or Inquiry: There was no public comment.

Reports, Motions, and Ordinances:

1. Request from Wrenegade Sports, LLC for use of Town Highways for Cycling Ride: "Farm to Fork Fondo." Request was approved by motion of Lisa Hill, seconded by Bill Hall, and thus carried.
2. Anticipated Receipt of Homeland Security Grants: The Board acknowledged the anticipated receipt of two grants for fall 2015 funding: Special Operations Grant for the Bethel Fire Department for the purchase of swiftwater equipment in the amount of \$21,000; and VCOMM Grant for the Bethel Constable for the purchase of radio equipment in the amount of \$12,724.
3. Discussion re. Use of Funds Received for Sale of Equipment at the Solid Waste Facility. The solid waste program recently sold equipment for \$3,000. Arlund requested use of the money to set up an equipment replacement fund. Hall advised the funds should be counted as revenues for the current fiscal year since the program also had to expense unbudgeted repairs at the facility.
4. State of Vermont Solid Waste Management Inspection (Biosolids Field). The Board reviewed a favorable inspection letter from the State regarding the Town's biosolid field applications on property owned by Vermont Fish and Wildlife. As of March 15, 2016, the Town will no longer be allowed to apply its biosolids at this site and the Town is seeking an alternative site.
5. Town Manager's Report:
 - a. Update on Alternate Projects. A kickoff meeting has been held with DuBois & King, Inc. for Project #1. As a result of this meeting, the time extension request was amended to September 1, 2016. Preliminary plans have also been received by DuBois & King from Phelps Engineering. The Board also received a copy of the meeting minutes from May 11, 2015 with Vermont Integrated Architecture (VIA) regarding Project #2.
 - b. Status Update of Action Items.
 - i. It was noted that we are now getting credit for the LED street lights.
 - ii. Lisa Hill requested information at the next meeting regarding the Energy Committee.
 - iii. The Board received information regarding the Parks & Public Spaces Committee and the Conservation Commission. No changes in the committees will be made.

Minutes and Communications:

1. Selectboard Minutes of April 27, May 11, and May 18, 2015. Motion to approve minutes was made by Lisa Hill, seconded by Bill Hall, and thus carried.
2. Committee Minutes. The Board acknowledged the following: (a) May 6, 2015 Recreation Committee minutes; (b) May 13, 2015 Solid Waste Management Board minutes; (c) May 12, 2015 Conservation Commission minutes; (d) May 20, 2015 Planning Commission minutes; (e) May 19, 2015 Development Review Board minutes; (f) May 27, 2015 Recreation Committee minutes; and (g) May 27, 2015 Town Meeting Committee minutes.
3. Communications. The Board acknowledged receipt of White River water quality results from the White River Partnership for June 3, 2015.

Appointments: Representatives of the Recreation Committee

1. Donation Letter to Tennis Players. Eleanor Griffin presented the Board with a letter soliciting donations from tennis players. Griffin has a list of about 100 contacts who may be willing to donate to the Recreation Facility Improvement Fund for purposes of installing new tennis courts. The Board approved the letter.
2. Pool Bath House Design. The Recreation Committee expressed concern that they are being excluded from the design of the pool bathhouse. Lucien Hinkle presented the Board with an alternative design that he believes will provide a cost savings. Sherman explained to the Board that one reason the original design had been chosen was that it allows for visibility of the entire Recreation Center, a concern identified during the

master planning process, and Hinkle's design blocks visibility between the play structure and the pool. Bill Hall preferred to stay with the design that has already been chosen. Carl Russell requested that Arlund check with VIA regarding whether or not there would be a cost savings with Hinkle's design and the feasibility of making changes at this point. Hill advised the Recreation Committee that they would be included in the design process, however, they may not agree with all of the decisions made by the administration as there are other factors at play that are beyond the realm of the Committee.

Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board.

1. Arlund advised the Board that reclaiming of Vermont Route 12 between Bethel and Randolph is scheduled to begin on June 22.
2. Arlund will be turning accounts over to the Town attorneys for tax sale shortly after June 15. Anyone needing to make payment arrangements should contact Arlund prior to that date.
3. Town Clerk, Jean Burnham, requested the issuance of a dog warrant for unlicensed dogs for the Town Constable to follow up on. Motion to validate the warrant was made by Carl Russell, seconded by Lisa Hill, and unanimously carried.
4. Arlund advised the Board that all Town electric billings are covered in full with the Novus agreement the Board signed onto.
5. Arlund is working on the planting of a replacement tree at the Brian Wright property which was part of the agreement for construction of the new bridge.

At 7:00 PM, Carl Russell made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Lisa Hill, and unanimously carried. No minutes were kept. The Board reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

At 7:26 PM, Lisa Hill made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Carl Russell, and unanimously carried.

Bill Hall

Carl Russell

Lisa Hill