

## **Minutes June 26, 2017**

Present: Carl Russell, Chris Jarvis, Vanessa Brown, Moe Brigham, Paul Vallee, Greg Maggard.  
Others: Geneva Gaiko, Doug Marshall, Lisa Campbell, Rebecca Stone, Lindley, Lyly.

Call to Order of Regular Meeting: Russell called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

### **Approval of Agenda**

Jarvis requested an addition to agenda to discuss water line issues with changes in administration. Brigham motioned to add to agenda, Vallee seconded.

### **Public Comment or Inquiry**

1. Lisa Campbell spoke to the board regarding a bench that needs to be fixed at the Common. The bench was damaged in the winter due to a vehicle collision. Lisa also brought to the boards attentions concerns she and others have regarding nighttime traffic at Peavine Park. People have found several needles and trash at the Park and believe some of the afterhours traffic there may be drug related. Russell will contact Sergeant Helfant at the VSP in regards to concerns and strategies to address these.

### **Appointments**

1. Rebecca Stone from the BRI discussed the Mural project on the town wall. VTRANS will be taking care of the liability and will work with Kevin Barry and the BRI on the installation of equipment needed to work on the wall. Vallee expressed concerns about the town being liable for any of the equipment installation and Stone clarified that VTRANS will help in organizing traffic control and proper equipment installation with the town. Mary Lacey has a truck with a bucket to perform areas of the mural and is covered by insurance for her business. The 11/11 permit for the project will be completed by Chris Bump with the state and will have help and input from Kevin Barry. Maggard requested that the fish design in the Mural face towards town. Maggard also suggested that the town come up with some sort of logo to start using for town related events and signs. Russell agreed and liked the idea of a "branding" being done at the same time for this type of project. Stone wondered if the Visioning committee would be a part of the branding discussion as well. Stone will be touching base with Maggard to reserve the Bethel Bandshell for an event where local folks can see the work in progress. Brigham suggested speaking with Jean Burnham in regards to the availability of the White Church, as well as, if the date gets rained out. The BRI will discuss setting up a committee to approve the art as well. SB agreed that a committee would be the best way to do the approval.  
BRI also discussed wanting to use local downed Locust Trees as materials for sculptured benches in many locations throughout town. Brown stated that she is opposed to wood being removed from the Branliere Forest. Russell explained the logs have already been broken down to preserve the access and right of way. Brigham moved to approve removal of the downed trees. Vallee seconded. Vallee made note that he has been in contact with WCAX regarding the mural and exchanged email information with Stone.

### **Reports, Motions and Ordinances**

1. Maggard discussed appointing two new members to the Planning Commission. Brad Andrews and Andy stone expressed interest. Vallee motioned to appoint both, Brigham seconded.
2. Maggard discussed COLA, cost of living increases. Arlund and Maggard conducted researched on the current increase which is 1.029%. Maggard and Arlund agreed employees will receive an increase of 1%. Maggard also stated employees may receive and increase based on merit and performance evaluations. Brigham motioned and Vallee seconded.
3. Vermont Fish Hatchery will be having an opening on July 7 at 1 pm. Russell will be opening the ceremony with a speech. This event is open to the public.
4. TRORC Municipal Road Grants Pilot Project has approved Bethel to take part in the Grant Process. Maggard will gather the information on town gravel roads to help

integrate with TRORC. Maggard will bring the gravel roads information to the next board meeting. Russell stated he will help as he is the TRORC representative.

5. The Bethel Pool opened Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Open House for the pool will be July 15.
6. Jarvis discussed past issues with the town water lines. Maggard and Marshall updated information. Dandelion Acres has a leak on their private line. Once that leak is fixed the pressure issues at surrounding homes will be remedied. Maggard stated that the line serving those homes is only a 3/4" pipe and is undersized for all of the homes on it. Maggard also discussed that the State of Vermont Drinking and Groundwater division has expressed concerns with Bethel's water system. There are significant water issues and maintenance issues that will need to be addressed. There are grants the town can apply for to help with some of these issues.

### **Town Manager's Report**

1. Reviewed Constable's Report
2. Status of Action items list will be updated. The list is composed of issues that require some level of Select Board input. All items were discussed and Maggard was updated on what they consist of.

### **Other Business:**

The Board discussed the Solid Waste Facility and the financial process. Brigham and Russell discussed some of the history of the employee relationships between the two towns involved. The contract states that Bethel has fiduciary responsibility. The facility is managed by Chet Brown who reports directly to Greg Maggard.

### **Minutes and Communications**

1. The minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.
2. The board noted the other minutes of the town meeting committee, conservation commission, Solid waste Board Minutes. Vallee asked questions about completing employee evaluations from Sandy Conrad. Conrad forwards Brown's evaluation and sends it to Maggard. May possibly hire two-part time positions at Solid waste facility. Cash handling policy for Solid waste facility was also discussed and described by Brigham and Maggard. There was a lengthy discussion in this procedure and agreement.
3. Planning Commission comment from Brown, sad to see Carla H. is done on that Board.

There being no other business the regular meeting was closed and the board went into Executive Session at 8:25 PM. The board came out of executive session at 9:35 PM.

The board adjourned at 9:36PM.

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Carl Russell

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Moe Brigham

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Paul Vallee

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Chris Jarvis

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Vanessa Brown