

July 24, 2017 Select Board Minutes

Present: Carl Russell, Moe Brigham, Vanessa Brown, Paul Vallee, Greg Maggard, Kelly Hill, Lisa Campbell, Joann Marshall, Douglas Marshall, Sally Wiernasz, Geneva Gaiko, Jose Lazo, Amanda Wheeler, David Aldrighetti, Geary Coogler, Sam Carlson, Paul Feeney, Chet Brown.

Call to order 6:00 PM

Amended Agenda approved with cancellation of 6:15 PM appointment.

Reports, Motions and Ordinances:

1. Zaremba Group Appeal Appearance: Maggard explained that the Board needs to vote on whether the town will have its attorneys appear in court for the Zaremba appeal. Brown suggested an executive session to discuss the matter and to vote after this discussion. Item was tabled until the end of the meeting.
2. Russell Graphics: Russell Graphics designs our tax maps and has asked the town to agree to a two-year contract to continue to update and work on the town's maps. Maggard will sign agreement with the board's approval. Brigham motioned to approve, Vallee seconded with a 3-0 approval.
3. White River Partnership Bacteria Data: Review of report, everything looks good. Report will go under other communications going forward.
4. Vermont Castings Road Name Change: Russell would like to review statutes regarding name changes to roads. It has been requested that the road be changes to "Nobile Farm Road". The statutes will be reviewed and discussed at the next board meeting when there is more information available. Item tabled.
5. Special Olympics Coin Drop: Steve Neron needs to be contacted to get the exact date for the coin drop. The request reviewed in the board packet did not have a date for the request. Item tabled.
6. Class 3 Road Discussion: Russell explained the need to review the Class 3 roads and the standards for VTRANS funding and what standards are needed to maintain or downgrade the roads. Maggard will begin to gather information on our Class 3 roads for more review and discussion on a later date.
7. Solid waste Solar Field Option to Lease Agreement: Sam Carlson from Green Lantern Solar discussed an option where Royalton and Bethel Selectboard agree to lease an acre of the Solid Waste Facility land for the purpose of putting solar panels up. The agreement grants the solar company site control for 1 year to conduct research and prepare data for future solar capabilities. The board discussed having this an agenda item for the two board's when they meet in the next couple of weeks. Brown discussed wanting to review the agreement in detail due to some of the language in the agreement. Carlson expressed that the Royalton Board approved going forward with this on their June 20th board meeting. Russell suggested that the Energy Committee help with a review of the options and benefits of the solar proposal. There is no time limit on making this decision so the board has time to review and discuss the

possibilities. Hill will provide Sam Carlson with Jose Lazo's email and contact information so the two can gather information and move forward with research.

8. Jose Lazo from the Energy Committee introduced Amanda Wheeler. Amanda expressed interest in being on the committee. Vallee motioned to appoint Wheeler to the committee, Brigham seconded 3-0 approval from board. Lazo discussed waiting to advertise internship position until they can secure more funding. Lazo has approached local businesses to help raise money for the committee. The committee has a one thousand dollar grant they can use. Lazo expressed it is not enough to complete what they would like for the committee. Russell suggested Lazo contact Kevin Geiger from Two Rivers to help guide and suggest possibilities to use the grant. Board and Maggard will look into next year's budget to see if the Energy Committee could get some funding.

Town Managers Report:

1. Maggard went over his report with the board. The board is pleased with the format in which he has submitted his information. Maggard plans to include his report in every board packet going forward. Maggard discussed what has taken place in the town over the past few weeks with updates in each area.
2. DRB Member Appointment: Penny Griffin and Keith Bollman have agreed to another 3 years on the Development Review Board. Brigham motioned to approve, Vallee seconded. Board approved to appoint both members 3-0.

Minutes and Communications:

1. Board reviewed the minutes from the July 10 regular meeting. Brigham motioned, Vallee seconded. Board approved minutes as printed 3-0.
2. Board reviewed minutes from various boards.

Bethel Volunteer Fire Department and Board Meeting:

David Aldrighetti, Geary Coogler and Paul Feeney from the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department joined the Selectboard Meeting. The minutes from the Emergency Planning Committee were discussed. Aldrighetti and Maggard went over what the committee discussed. The committee will be creating an updated contact sheet for state dispatch and Bethel fire. Hill has already started creating this contact list. Potential ideas for the Preparathon were discussed and included, a table at the Forward Fest with informational handouts, mock safety and emergency drills, and public outreach with the possibility of help from the C+ group. Aldrighetti stated the importance in communication and being sure the public knows to contact 911 so state dispatch can handle emergencies and get in contact with Emergency Responders accordingly. Aldrighetti also spoke about the past rain storm and how it made it clear that a new Emergency Plan needs to be created and followed. Maggard explained to Russell that Bethel Volunteer Fire Department will be the dispatch center for the town under certain circumstances. A contact list will be in each fire vehicle with contacts for various departments for the town. Coogler mentioned the importance in following and implementing this plan. Feeney also discussed the communication process and how important it is to have everyone on the same "page" to create less confusion and that having one person as the IOC is much easier. Coogler also mentioned

NIMS training and getting more people trained and offering some sort of basic public training. Maggard explained that he is working on a new emergency plan that is easier to follow and updated with current information. He also mentioned having a list of various vendors and contractors in the contact list for certain types of emergencies. The Emergency Committee will be meeting again on August 2, 2017. Coogler plans to attend this meeting with other committee members.

The Selectboard entered Executive Session at 7:17 PM to discuss legal issues and came out of Executive Session at 7:34 PM.

The Board moved to have Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, P.C. enter into the Zaremba appeal on behalf of the Town. Brigham Motioned, Vallee seconded. 3-0 Approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM