

Town of Bethel
Selectboard and Water/Sewer Commissioner's Agenda
Monday, May 22, 2023
6:00 pm at Bethel Town Hall & via Zoom

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 883 7013 1870 Passcode: 673319 Dial: 1-646-558-8656

6:00 pm: Call the meeting to order & approve the agenda.

6:02 pm: Jason Booth, Aldrich & Elliot re: contract award for \$2.5M water project, Phase II

Public Comment

2023/2024 water and sewer budget annual discussion and adoption

Motion to adopt

Mike Bilodeau abatement request for 84 James Place for water/sewer for \$678.17

Motion

Bethel Recreation Committee's request for a coin drop on 8/12/23 from 8 am to noon.

Motion to approve (conditions 1-12 of permit must be met by Rec. Committee)

Selectboard goals for Town Manager

Discussion only

Selectboard goals for the Selectboard

Discussion only

Minutes and Communications:

- 1. Town Manager's Report**
- 2. Selectboard Minutes from 5/15/2023**
- 3. Other Communications**
- 4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board**

Motion to enter executive session to discuss pending or probable civil litigation or prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party, per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E) and confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services and 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(F), as premature public discussion would put the Town at a disadvantage.

Selectboard Meeting Agenda Notes for 5/22/2023 Meeting:

- Jason Booth of Aldrich & Elliot will be attending via Zoom. As you can see in your packet, their bid analysis recommends we award the contract to Hebert.
- The proposed water budget is being level funded from last year. Since the last water project, we have pumped 15% less water and 10% less sewer. The sewer number makes sense, as we have 2/3 the amount of sewer connections as water. The proposed sewer budget is up 2.86% over last year. This is due to several factors – the adjustment to salaries, as the last budget was before we had solid data on Richard and Clayton's hours, increase in building/property insurance, equipment we need to purchase due to EPA changes and a 35-year-old plant and an increase in testing per EPA changes. This will be the last budget for the \$7,753 loan payment to Mascoma. I do not yet have the rates set. I am waiting for data from two businesses in town. I hope to have that before the meeting on Monday night, but you will still need to approve the budgets.
- Mike Bilodeau purchased a 1967 trailer valued at \$12,100 at 84 James Place in October of 2022. At that time, the water/sewer bill was paid in full. The trailer was removed and replaced with a 2006 trailer valued at \$16,700. Mike is asking that you abate the water/sewer bill that accrued between October 2022 and April of 2023, as the water was off and the lot was vacant until the new trailer was set. Someone moved into the trailer three weeks ago, so the water/sewer bill being mailed next week will cover April, May and June.
- Chris asked you to come with ideas for annual goals for me and goals for the Selectboard.
- We may or may not have an executive session on Monday night, as Chris, Town Attorney David Rugh and I are meeting with Brian Wright and his attorney Mike Tarrant on Friday morning.

Town Manager's Report:

- I emailed Oscar and Justin regarding increased traffic patrols on Christian Hill, I verified the rules on changing the speed limit and provided you with a copy of the traffic ordinance in your packet.
- I spent the day on Monday with Tyler Kimberly of Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, the accounting firm that is auditing the BRTS for the year ending June 30, 2022. He sent me a draft of the audit and I hope to finalize it next week.
- The public hearing for the by-laws has been warned and Rick Benson and I are working with TRORC to finalize any changes, now that the Governor signed S100.

Town of Bethel
Water System Improvements Contract No. 2
Total Project Cost Summary
5/4/2023

Item Description	Total Estimated Cost
Construction¹	
Hebert Construction Corp. Bid	\$1,581,565
Construction Subtotal	\$1,581,565
Construction Contingency	
Construction Contingency (5%)	\$79,078
Construction Contingency	\$79,078
Step I – Preliminary Engineering⁽²⁾	
Basic Services	\$12,000
Special Services	\$4,600
Step I Subtotal	\$16,600
Step II - Final Design and Permitting⁽²⁾	
Final Design Basic Services	\$63,600
Subsurface Investigation	\$7,500
Special Services	\$10,200
Step II Subtotal	\$81,300
Step III - Construction Phase Services⁽²⁾	
Bid Phase	\$9,800
Construction Administration	\$93,400
Resident Project Representative	\$115,200
Special Services	\$45,900
Step III Subtotal	\$264,300
Other Costs	
Permit Fees	\$8,000
Administrative	\$19,000
Legal & Fiscal	\$19,000
Short Term Interest	\$20,000
Other Subtotal	\$66,000
Total Project Cost	\$2,088,843
Total Bond Capacity⁽³⁾	\$2,500,000

Notes:

1. Based on bid from Hebert Construction Corp received by the Town of Bethel on 5/2/2023.
2. Based on executed contracts.
3. Based on Bond Vote executed on April 18, 2023.

May 12, 2023

Therese Kirby
Town Manager
Town of Bethel
134 S Main St.
Bethel, VT 05032

RE: Bid Analysis and Recommendation for Contract Award
Town of Bethel
Water System Improvements
Contract No. 2
A+E Project 20028

Dear Therese:

In accordance with our attached "Bid Analysis Report" dated May 12, 2023, we recommend the following:

The Town of Bethel, Water System Improvements, Contract No.2, be awarded to Hebert Excavation Corp. of Williamstown, VT for the contract amount of \$1,581,565.00.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Aldrich + Elliott, PC



Jason R. Booth, P.E.
Vice President

Attachments



TOWN OF BETHEL
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
CONTRACT NO. 2
DWSRF #RF3-423

BID ANALYSIS REPORT
HEBERT EXCAVATION CORP.
May 12, 2023

Bid Opening Date: May 2, 2023

1. Bidders Information:

- a. Refer to the attached Bid.
- b. Refer to the attached Bid Bond.
- c. Refer to the attached Supplemental Bid Information

2. Project Cost Information:

- a. Refer to the attached Bid Tabulation.
- b. Refer to the attached "Total Project Cost Summary" dated May 4, 2023, for the Town of Bethel, Water System Improvements, Contract No. 2.
- c. The bid price for the Town of Bethel, Water System Improvements, Contract No. 2 is **\$1,581,565.00**.
- d. The estimated Total Project Cost for the project including the low bid for the Town of Bethel, Water System Improvements is **\$2,088,843.00**. This Includes Contract No. 2, Step I, Step II, Step III, Construction Contingency of 5% for Contract No. 2, Small Purchases, and other costs.
- e. The total bond approved amount for this project was \$2,500,000.00. The funding is available through the VT DWSRF Loan Program, with portions of loan forgiveness and subsidies.
- f. Adequate funding is available for this project as outlined above.

3. Experience:

- a. Refer to Section 1.c (above).
- b. Project references interviewed and projects discussed:
 - i. Stan Welch, Dufresne Group, Engineer, State Street Sewer and Drainage Improvements, \$846,325, Ongoing – to be completed June 2023.

- ii. Andres Torizzo, Watershed Consulting, Hydrologist, U-32 Middle and Highschool Storm Water Improvements, \$362,032.00, completed August 2022.
 - c. General Observations
 - i. Contractor is fair and straight forward to work with
 - ii. Well managed and professional
 - iii. Creates a good, finished product in a timely manner
- 4. Bid Bond/Insurance
 - a. Hebert Excavation Corporation has a surety credit facility in place with United States Fire Insurance Company, for up to \$1,600,000 single, and an aggregate program of \$3,000,000.
 - b. The bonding agent is Skillings Shaw & Associates, Inc., PO Box 481, Lewiston, ME 04243.
 - c. Contact was made with Heidi Rodzen, at Skillings Shaw & Associates, Inc. at 207-440-2107. The company has been doing business with Hebert Excavation Corporation since March 2002.
 - d. Skillings Shaw & Associates, Inc. handles Hebert Excavation Corporation insurance lines.
 - e. Hebert Excavation Corporation has not defaulted on any projects that Skillings Shaw & Associates, Inc. has handled.
 - f. The bond company is on the "Department of the Treasury Listing of Approved Surety Companies."
- 5. Financial Data
 - a. Contact was made with Regan Howard at Community National Bank, 316 N Main St. Barre, VT 05641, with whom Hebert Excavation Corporation does their banking. Community National Bank has been doing business with Hebert Excavation Corporation since 2003.
 - b. Hebert Excavation Corporation maintains an average balance in the mid five-figure proportions, with a line of credit in the same range. All deposit accounts have always been handled per the terms of the agreements.
- 6. Proof of Advertisement for Bid:
 - a. Refer to attached Proof of Advertisement.
- 7. Certificate of Title to Site:
 - a. Refer to separately provided Certificate of Title to Site.

8. Bid Informalities and/or Minor Defects:

- a. None.

9. Comments of Aldrich + Elliott, PC:

- a. Contractor appears to have adequate financial backing.
- b. Bonding company appears viable.
- c. The bid review found Hebert Excavation Corporation bid to be acceptable.
- d. Recommendations:
 - i. Award this Contract to Hebert Excavation Corporation in the amount of \$1,581,565.00.
 - ii. Job progress must stay on schedule. Recommend monthly job meetings with Owner, Contractor, and Resident Representative.
 - iii. Contractor's job superintendent to be consistent and on the job site at all times, while work is being performed.
 - iv. Resident Representative to be on job site full time.

ITEM NO. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	Bid Quantity	Unit	Engineer's Estimate		Herbert Excavating		Casella Construction, Inc.		Kingsbury Construction	
			UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
BASE BID										
A-Waterline										
A-1 2" CTS PE Water Main	1,250	LF	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 113,750.00	\$ 103	\$ 128,750.00
A-2 4" PVC C900 Water Main	2,950	LF	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 265,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 295,000.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 277,300.00	\$ 118.00	\$ 348,100.00
A-3 8" PVC C900 Water Main	1,020	LF	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 132,600.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 153,000.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 155,040.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 177,480.00
A-4 3/4" Temporary Water	720	LF	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 23.50	\$ 16,920.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 31,680.00
A-5 4" Temporary Water	1,020	LF	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 56,100.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 34,680.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 37,740.00
B-Waterline Appurtenances										
B-1 Fire Hydrant Branch Connections	4	EA	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 45,200.00
B-2 Removal of Existing Fire Hydrant	4	EA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
B-3 Flushing Hydrants	6	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
B-4 4" Gate Valves	4	EA	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 6,400.00
B-5 8" Gate Valves	4	EA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 11,200.00
B-6 Abandonment/Removal of Existing Gate Valve	5	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 7,000.00
B-7 3/4" Service	1,220	LF	\$ 55.00	\$ 67,100.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 97,600.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 111,020.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 92,720.00
B-8 3/4" Curb Stop and Box	48	EA	\$ 350.00	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 12,096.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 14,400.00
B-9 3/4" Corporation Stop	46	EA	\$ 300.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 131.00	\$ 6,026.00
B-10 1 1/2" Service	85	LF	\$ 66.00	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 10,625.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 5,780.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 4,930.00
B-11 2 1/2" Service	1	LF	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 961.00	\$ 961.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,650.00
B-12 1 1/2" Corporation Stop	1	EA	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 755.00	\$ 755.00
B-13 2" Curb Stop and Box	2	EA	\$ 875.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,200.00
B-14 2" Corporation Stop	2	EA	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 363.00	\$ 726.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
B-15 Connections to Existing Mains - 4" Dia. or Larger	5	EA	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 41,000.00
B-16 Cut and Cap Existing Mains - 4" Dia. or Larger	1	EA	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
C-Earthwork										
C-1 Rock Excavation	50	CY	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 311.00	\$ 15,550.00
C-2 Boulder Excavation	40	CY	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 142.00	\$ 5,680.00	\$ 158.00	\$ 6,320.00
C-3 Misc. Extra. Below Grade Excavation	100	CY	\$ 40.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 72.50	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 79.00	\$ 7,900.00
C-4 Exc. & Replace Unsuitable Material	40	CY	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 3,440.00
D-Roadwork and Appurtenances										
D-1 Permanent Bituminous Pavement Repair - Roads	3,392	SY	\$ 85.00	\$ 288,320.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 152,640.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 279,840.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 356,160.00
D-2 Permanent Bituminous Pavement Repair - Driveways and Sidewalks	85	SY	\$ 85.00	\$ 7,225.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 318.00	\$ 27,030.00
D-3 Gravel Road and Drive Repair	925	LF	\$ 35.00	\$ 32,375.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 68,450.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 45,325.00
E-Incidental Work										
E-1 Class B Concrete	10	CY	\$ 600.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 518.00	\$ 5,180.00
E-2 Calcium Chloride	40	TON	\$ 500.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 48,000.00
E-3 Rigid Trench Insulation	870	LF	\$ 11.00	\$ 9,570.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 25,230.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 18,270.00
E-4 Silt Fence	1,270	LF	\$ 3.00	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5,080.00	\$ 2.90	\$ 3,683.00	\$ 5.20	\$ 6,604.00
E-5 Temporary Inlet Protection	11	EA	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 263.00	\$ 2,893.00	\$ 123.00	\$ 1,353.00
E-6 Rolled Erosion Control Product	620	SY	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 4.80	\$ 2,976.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 12,400.00
F-Lump Sum										
F-1 Krystal Drive Booster Pump Station	1	LS	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 356,000.00	\$ 356,000.00	\$ 286,700.00	\$ 286,700.00
F-2 Gaike Well House Improvements	1	LS	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 301,700.00	\$ 301,700.00
F-3 Railroad Crossing Interconnection	1	LS	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 188,400.00	\$ 188,400.00
F-4 GMP Allowance	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
F-5 Preparation of Site and Miscellaneous Work	1	LS	\$ 131,200.00	\$ 131,200.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 356,100.00	\$ 356,100.00
F-6 Bonds	1	LS	\$ 35,500.00	\$ 35,500.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 31,200.00
TOTAL BASE BID CONTRACT PRICE				\$ 1,806,370.00		\$ 1,581,565.00		\$ 2,197,768.00		\$ 2,720,763.00

Discrepancies/Informalities:
 None.

Notes:
 The information tabulated above accurately reflects bids received by the Town of Bethel, Vermont on May 2, 2023

Jason Booth, PE
 Vice President
 Aldrich + Elliott, PC

Engineers representing the Town of Bethel, Vermont.

TOWN OF BETHEL APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION ON TOWN HIGHWAY

Name of Nonprofit Organization Bethel Recreation Committee

Applicant Name Ele Griffin Telephone 802-234-6502

Address 102 East Street Town Bethel, VT Zip 05032

I/We request permission to conduct a solicitation on Church Street, Town Highway No. 12, between White Church and Brick Church, (indicate nearest cross streets and/or landmarks).

Date of Solicitation Saturday August 12, 2023 Time 8:00 AM to NOON

Attached is a certificate of insurance verifying that the organization possesses Worker's compensation Insurance, if required by Statute; Automobile Liability insurance with limits not less than \$300,000.00 Combined Single Limit and Commercial General Liability insurance coverage with limits not less than \$300,000.00 per occurrence naming the Town of Bethel as an additional insured.

I/We agree to comply with any and all participant and traffic sign requirements attached to the permit.

Ele Griffin
Signature of Applicant

May 12, 2023
Date

Town Manager's Office:

Date Received 5.12.23

Received by Keay

Selectboard:

Approve _____

Deny _____

Board Chair

Date

Conditions

1. No solicitation will be conducted during night-time hours, or during rain or snow storms
2. No one under the age of 16 years of age will be allowed to participate in the solicitation
3. The sponsor agrees in writing to comply with any and all attached participant and traffic safety requirements. A typical layout with required signs is attached. Applicant must provide required signage.
4. Completed permit application must be submitted in a timely manner for consideration by the Board of Selectmen.
5. Town Manager's Office must approve the set up prior to the solicitation.
6. Required use of traffic cones or barrels to channel traffic.
7. No traffic control devices shall be set to require travelers to stop and no verbal or written implication shall be given that failure to stop is illegal.
8. All participants must wear reflective vests.
9. The name of the organization in question shall be on a banner or sign.
10. No sales are to be made during the solicitation.
11. The solicitation shall not take place within 750 feet of an intersection.
12. Violation of any of the above will result in immediate cancellation of permit.

Sign
cone

getting
safety
gear,
cones, signs
vests
from F. Dept.

Church

near
Standing
cone

Brick

Sign
cone

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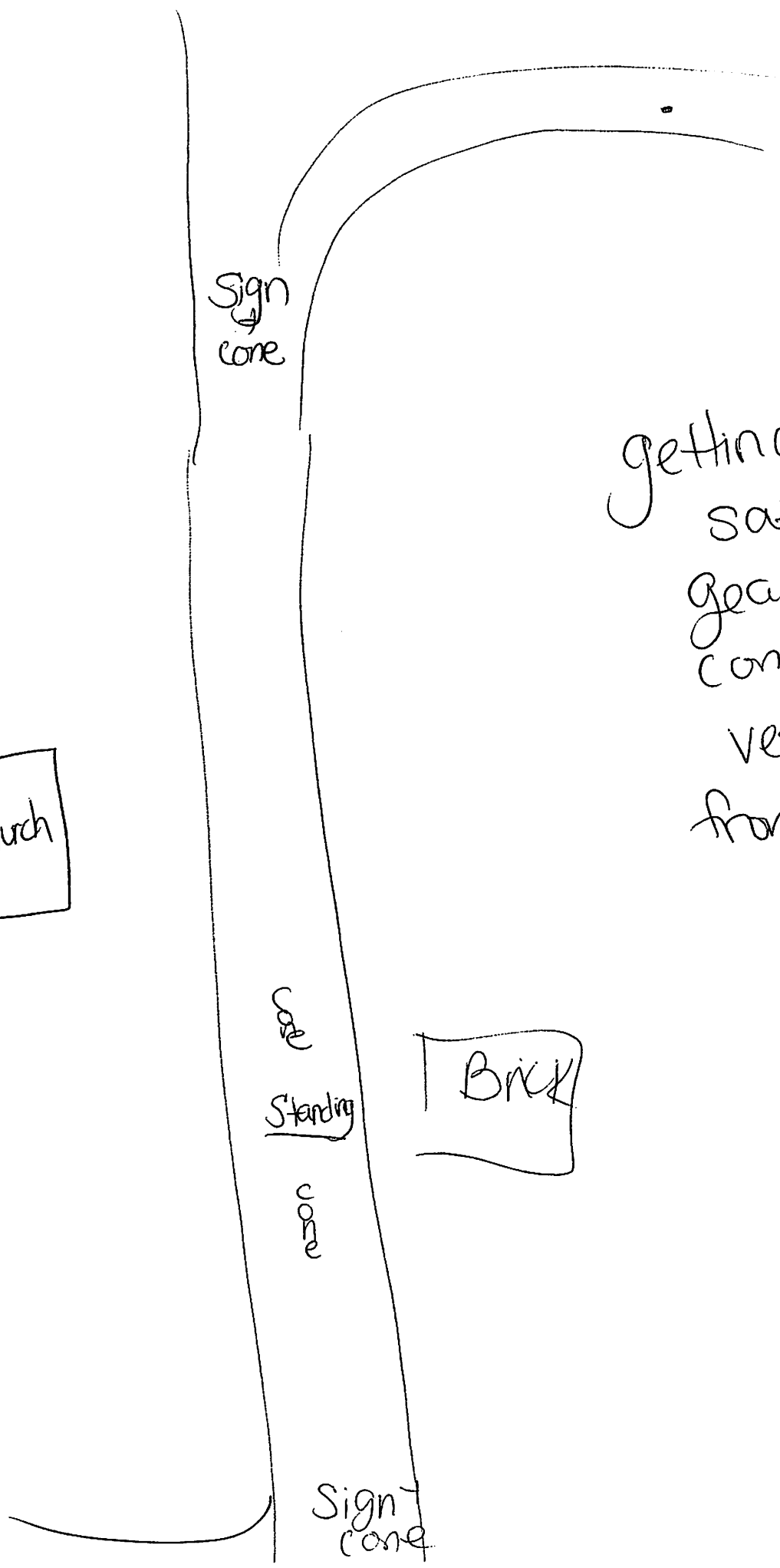
Church

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Sign
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QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED ABOUT LOCAL SPEED LIMITS

Q. Should the local ordinance be approved by the State Traffic Committee?

A. No. Title 23 V.S.A., Section 1007, provides an avenue of appeal if there is dissension over the adoption process.

Q. Can a single speed limit, for example 35 MPH, be established for all the roads in town and posted at each highway entering the town?

A. It is doubtful that an engineering and traffic study would indicate that any one speed limit would be proper for all highways in a town. Signing only at the town line does not fulfill the mandate of the law for posting speed limits.

Q. What is wrong with installing a few signs where they are needed for whatever good they can do without enforcement?

A. This does not conform to the law and it will breed disrespect for all speed limits. An enforcement officer who cites someone on the assumption that a speed zone is valid will be embarrassed when trying to prove the case in court. The officer will be reluctant to enforce local regulations further.



Q. When is a traffic engineering study required?

A. To lower or raise existing speed limits. A study is not required to initially establish a 50-mph zone.

Q. Do we have to hire a professional engineer to do the study?

A. No. Anyone can gather the information needed.



Q. What if the selectmen receive a petition from a significant number of residents demanding a speed limit in a certain area?

A. The law states that the speed limit must be based on an engineering and traffic study. A petition may result in a survey, but the decision to establish a speed limit must be based on the results of the study, not the opinion of the petitioners.

Q. Should the speed limit be set 5 or 10 mph below what the investigation indicates to make up for the tolerance allowed by enforcement officers?

A. No. The statutes do not provide for a tolerance. A speed limit set too low is not realistic and will not command the respect of motorists.

Q. Should towns install speed limit signs on all of their town highways?

A. Probably not since the minimum/maximum speed limits are 25 mph and 50 mph respectively. A speed limit of 25 mph might be too high for most class 4 town highways and some class 3 town highways. By the same token, 50 mph signs on gravel town highways would suggest it is safe to drive at that speed when, in fact, it might not be.

Q. Are advance signs such as "Reduced Speed Limit Ahead" signs required on the approach to the speed limit zone?

A. No. Such signs are not required, but they are recommended where the speed limit is being reduced by more than 10 mph, or where engineering judgment indicates the need for advance notice to comply with the posted speed limit.

Q. Should a speed limit be set at the safe speed for the worst spot in the proposed zone?

A. No. A spot hazard such as a sharp curve or intersection should be treated with the appropriate warning sign for the particular hazard. The warning sign may or may not include an advisory speed plate. An established speed limit is not a guarantee that the speed can be maintained throughout the zone. It is a speed that will allow the driver time to react to a variety of situations which may occur within the zone.

Q. How does a town go about making a change in speed limits on state highways?

A. The governing body of the community (Town Administrator, Town Manager, Selectboard, etc.) should write a letter to the Traffic Committee Coordinator, State of Vermont, Roadway, Traffic & Safety, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001 requesting a speed limit change indicating the route, the exact location, and citing their reasons for the change. A copy of the letter should be sent to the District Transportation Administrator. Staff of the State's Traffic Committee will conduct a traffic and engineering study of the location and present their findings to the Traffic Committee at an open meeting, in which the Town will be notified and invited, to present their testimony before a ruling is determined.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
Town of Bethel, VT

Pursuant to the provision of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated Sections 1007 and 1008; and Title 24, Vermont Statutes enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bethel that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Bethel, Vermont:

ARTICLE I
Definitions

The definitions in Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4 are incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE II
Scope

This ordinance established special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Bethel, VT.

ARTICLE III
Traffic Control Devices

- Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device except in response to the direction of a law enforcement officer.
- Section 2: It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter or tamper with any traffic control device.
- Section 3: It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device which may resemble or be mistaken for any official traffic control device without prior approval of the Town of Bethel Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE IV
Speed Regulations

On the basis of engineering and traffic surveys, the following maximum speed limits are hereby established:

- TH 1:** 25 mph for it's entire length. *- main-church-pleasant.*
- Campbell Rd -* **TH 2:** 40 mph beginning at the intersection with Vt. Route 12, extending westerly 5.40 miles to the intersection of TH 31; then 30 mph from the intersection of TH 31 to the Rochester Town Line. *(Campbell)*
- TH 3:** 30 mph for it's entire length. *Factory Hill/Randolph Ct. Rd.*
- TH 4:** 35 mph for it's entire length. *North Rd.*
- Orth Main* **TH 5:** 40 mph beginning at intersection of Vt. Route 107, extending southerly 1.16 miles to the intersection of TH 46, then 35 mph southerly to the Stockbridge Town Line. *↓ Sand Hill Rd.*
- (Class 2)**

North Main

TH 5:
(Class 3)

25 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 12, extending northerly to the intersection with TH 25 (Sanders Road); then from the intersection with TH 25 (Sanders Road), a maximum speed of 35 mph to the Randolph Town Line. (Amended October 21, 2013)

Christian Hill

TH 6:

35 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 107, extending northerly 1.10 miles to the intersection of TH 25; then 25 mph from the intersection of TH 25 northerly to the intersection of TH 3. (Factory Hill / Rand. Ctr Rd) (Sanders)

Green

TH 7:

40 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 12, extending westerly 1 mile; then from 1 mile east of Vt. Route 12, 35 mph extending westerly to the Rochester Town Line.

Sanders

TH 25:

30 mph for it's entire length.

Campbell / Lillesville

TH 31:

25 mph beginning at the Stockbridge Town Line extending Northerly 4.94 miles to the intersection of TH 2. (Amendment added October 28, 1989) (Campbrook)

Water shed

TH 38:

35 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 12, extending northerly to the intersection with TH 2 (class 2). (Amendment added October 21, 2013) (Campbrook Rd - No. Main / Findley)

Sand Hill

TH 46:

25 mph beginning at intersection of TH 5 (Class 2), extending northerly to the intersection with Vt. Route 12, this being the entire length of TH 46. (Amendment added May 5, 2008). (Sand Hill Rd)

Royattun Hill Rd

TH 50:

35 mph for it's entire length.

Cleveland Bek Rd.

TH 51:

25 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 107, extending northerly .5 miles to .02 miles north of TH 53; then from .01 miles north of TH 53, 35 mph extending northerly to the intersection of TH 4. (North Rd) (Abbot Rd)

Abbot Rd

TH 53:

30 mph for it's entire length.

The above speed limits shall be posted in accordance with the standards set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control devices and shall be in effect when so posted.

ARTICLE V Parking Regulations

Section 1: It shall be unlawful to park on any public highway, street or parking area within the Town of Bethel between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM from November 15th through April 15th.

Section 2: It shall be unlawful to park at any time, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or at the direction of a law enforcement officer:

1. Within 15 feet of an intersection.
2. On private property without the consent of the Owner.

- Section 3: It shall be unlawful to park or leave a vehicle unattended upon any public highway, street or public parking area in the Town of Bethel for a period in excess of four (4) days.
- Section 4: In an emergency or on special occasions, the Bethel Town Manager may impose a parking restriction on designated highways or portions thereof or may waive the prohibition of parking for a period not to exceed one week.
- Section 5: Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this ordinance may be summarily removed at the owners expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner or selectman.
- Section 6: If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 5, hereof, does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within thirty (30) days of the date of such removal, the title to such vehicle shall escheat to the Town of Bethel and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise be disposed of in accordance with Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section II.
- Section 7: Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator.

ARTICLE VI
Legal Load Limits

- Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of 16, 000 pounds to cross the TH 47 bridge over the Third Branch of the White River.
- Section 2: It shall be unlawful for any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of 6,000 pounds to cross the TH 24 bridge over the Third Branch of the White River.

(Peavine)

ARTICLE VII
Stop and Yield Intersections

- Section 1: The following intersections shall be designated as **STOP** intersections, and shall be so signed;
1. TH 5 entering TH 1 (North Main Street – Main Street)
 2. The northerly leg of TH 46 entering TH 1 (Sand Hill Road – Church St)

Enacted as of February 10, 1996 the following amendments

3. A 4-way stop at the intersections of TH 31, TH 41, and TH 60 (Lympus)
4. TH 51 entering TH 4 (Cleveland Brook – North Road)
5. TH 43 entering TH 2 (Brink Hill – Campbrook Road)
6. TH 32 entering TH 2 (Hooper Hollow Road – Campbrook Road)
7. TH 83 entering TH 2 (Charlie Wilson Road – Campbrook Road)
8. TH 31 entering TH 2 (Campbell Road – Campbrook Road)

Enacted as of November 30, 1998 the following amendments

9. Exit from the Main Street Parking Lot entering TH 65 (by Town Hall)
10. The northerly leg of TH 2 entering the southerly leg of TH 2 (Campbrook Road – Vt. Route 12)

Enacted as of February 10, 2003 the following amendment

11. The northerly leg of TH 46 entering the southerly leg of TH 46 (Sand Hill Road – Pleasant Street/Vt. Route 12)

Enacted as of July 12, 2004 the following amendment

12. TH 25 (Sanders Road) entering upon TH 6 (Christian Hill Road)

Enacted as of June 10, 2013 the following amendment

13. TH 25 (Sanders Road) entering upon class 3, TH 5 (North Main Street)

Section 2: The following intersections shall be designated as yield intersections, and shall be so signed:

1. The southerly leg of TH 46 entering TH 1

Enacted as of November 30, 1998 the following amendment

2. TH 20 entering TH 7 (Gen. Thomas Monument Rd – Gilead Brook Rd)

ARTICLE VIII
General Provisions

Section 1: Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 2: A person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be fined in accordance with penalties provided by state statutes.

Section 3: The provisions of this ordinance are declared severable, and if any provision hereof by judged invalid, such judgement shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Section 4: Any other traffic ordinance or regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Bethel is hereby repealed.

Section 5: This ordinance is referred to the General Highway Map of the Town of Bethel, Prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and dated February 10, 1979.

Section 6: This ordinance shall be published in the White River Valley Herald on 6-23-88 and shall be filed in the records of the Town of Bethel on 6-13-88.

ADOPTED JUNE 13, 1988 (Effective August 13, 1988)

TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

<u>TH#</u>	<u>BRIDGE #</u>	<u>ROAD NAME (LOCATED ON)</u>
2		Camp Brook Road
	1	-culvert by Fred Davis, Jr.
	2	-culvert by Charles Szely
	3	-culvert by Anne Gaiko
3		Factory Hill Road/Randolph Center Road
	4	-on Randolph Center Road
4		North Road
5		North Main Street/Findley Bridge Road
	29	-on Findley Bridge Road
6		Christian Hill Road/Store Hill Road/Oxbow Road
	39	-Mill Pond Bridge
7		Gilead Brook Road
	8	-below Charles Young
	9	-culvert below Paquette Rd
	37	-by Raymond Smith, Jr.
	38	-by George Sawyer
	43	-by Rick Richardson
8		Spoooner Road/Trout Brook Road
9		Paquette Road
12		Dearing Road
	5	-Dearing Bridge
	21	-box culvert on Dearing Road
14		Arnold Road
16		Store Hill Road
17		Sugar Hill Road
	41	-culvert adjacent to Camp Brook Road
18		Gage Road
19		Wright Road
	35	-by Brian Wright

TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

<u>TH#</u>	<u>BRIDGE #</u>	<u>ROAD NAME (LOCATED ON)</u>
20		MacIntosh Hill Road
22		Byam Road
	18	-on Byam Road
	28	-on Byam Road
	50	-on Byam Road
23		Goodale Road
	40	-on Goodale Road
24		Findley Bridge Road
	30	-R/R underpass
	44	-Findley Bridge
25		Sanders Road
26		Quarry Road
27		Perham Road
29		Chase Road
30		Scammel Lane
31		Campbell Road/Lilliesville Brook Road
	25	-by Ethlyn Adams—Lilliesville Brook Rd
	26	-by Paul Hill—Lilliesville Brook Rd
	33	-High Bridge
	34	-Line Bridge
32		Hooper Hollow Road
34		Dunham Road
35		Bundy Road
36		Mears Road
38		Watershed Road
	32	-on Watershed Rd adjacent to Camp Brook Rd
39		<i>Davis Road</i>
40		Highland Avenue

TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

<u>TH#</u>	<u>BRIDGE #</u>	<u>ROAD NAME (LOCATED ON)</u>
41		Dartt Hill Road
42		Paul's Peak Road
43		Brink Hill Road
	31	-Comstock Bridge
44		Olmstead Road
45		Rindge Hill Road/Woodland Road
46		Sand Hill Road
47		Peavine Boulevard
	45	-Peavine Bridge
48		Vermont Castings Road
49		Graham Street
50		Royalton Hill Road
51		Cleveland Brook Road
	23	-on Cleveland Brook Rd
52		Rabbit Hollow Road
53		Abbott Road
54		Bryant Road
	24	-large culvert adjacent to Camp Brook Rd
	46	-small culvert on Bryant Rd
55		Bingham Road
	27	-by Bill Pollack's adjacent to Lilliesville Brook Rd
56		Thayer Road
57		Whittier Road
58		Whitcomb Hill Road
60		Gay Hill Road
	6	-large culvert by Lympus Four Corners

TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

<u>TH#</u>	<u>BRIDGE #</u>	<u>ROAD NAME (LOCATED ON)</u>
61		St. Hyacinth Street
62		Falcon Drive
63		Clifford Drive
64		Cushing Drive
65		Densmore Drive
66		Lower Church Street
67		Avon Drive
68		Livery Stable Drive
69		Miller Drive
70		Gaiko Lane
71		Marsh Meadow Road
73		Stefansson Road
74		Semore Road
77		Old Turnpike/Poplar Manor Road
78		Poplar Manor Road
80		Pond Rd
79		Old Route 12
	48	-on Old Route 12
	49	-on Old Route 12
81		North Falcon Drive
82		Fish Hill Road
83		Charlie Wilson Road
84		Spring Hollow Road
85		Cemetery Lane
86		Mitchell Drive
	42	-Mitchell Bridge
87		Cherry Lane
88		Bicentennial Lane
89		Mills Drive
90		Krystal Drive
91		East Street
92		Stafford Meadows Lane
93		Pinello Road
	51	-on Pinello Rd adjacent to Gilead Brook Rd
94		Stearns Drive

Town of Bethel
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2023
6:00 pm at Bethel Town Hall & via Zoom

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 868 3492 7853 Passcode: 374767 Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Present: Lindley Brainard, Dave Eddy, Denise Guilmette, Chris Jarvis, Gene Kraus, Therese Kirby, Julie Kraus

Visitors: Leonard Meek, Paul Vallee, Jamie Daniel, Owen Daniel-McCarter, Rick Benson, Dietre Feeney, Sally Wiernasz

6:00 pm: Call the meeting to order & approve the agenda.

Denise Guilmette moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to approve the agenda as presented

6:02 pm Dietre Feeney, Pool Director, report the pool repairs needed. Rick Pettit has been taking care of the pool's fiberglass. Last year there was no maintenance on the pool surface but this needs to be done for the upcoming season. For this season Rick recommends Option 3 from his quote (see Selectboard Packet). Chlorine is very expensive and its availability in the future makes Option 3 the better choice. The Selectboard Packet includes Rick's estimates and options. Bob Walker does the plumbing at the pool. He and Rick agree that there is leaking between the exchanges in the pool and results in compromising the pool. Therese noted a meter has been installed to provide details on the leakage. The leakage can be fixed in the future if the fiberglass is taken care of. Option 2 would leave the deep end with the old gel coat.

Option 3 is good for 15+ years. Another option is to build a new pool in the future. Therese suggested asking the Recreation Committee to do an updated survey of the town residents to determine their future wishes for the pool and recreation area. The money for the project will come from the Recreation Facility Improvement fund. This does not affect the money for the skate park, as that is already set aside. Dietre also recommends doing the larger fix this year which should make the pool last another 12 years.

Gene Kraus moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to hire Rick Pettit to complete Option #3, not to exceed \$35,425. So Voted

6:15 pm Rick Benson re: update on Town Meeting Committee

The Committee is making many changes to activities in preparation for the next Town Meeting. Rebecca Sanborn Stone reported to the committee, updates for the proposed Town Meeting Workshop with Susan Clark for next fall (after the Forward Festival). Other suggestions being considered are inviting various speakers to inform and emphasize residents of the importance of the town meeting. Events may happen quarterly. Discussion of past events that may be renewed, include more

involvement and education with the schools, students act as pages, senior students helping with a voter registration, and publicize meetings to discuss the town and school budgets as they are being revised for more public involvement.

6:30 pm Equity & Inclusion Committee re: invitation to 5/20/2023 Book Club

Owen Daniel-McCarter, representing the EIC, reported the EIC was awarded a grant to promote equity & inclusion in Bethel. This includes:

1) start a book group to ask questions and learn from each other. This will happen May 30th, and they are partnering with the Bethel Library. Over 20 people have already shown interest. As dinner and child care will be part of the event, the gathering may need to be moved to the Town Hall. The first book group will be a discussion of "The Problem of Slavery in Early Vermont" by Harvey Amani Whitfield, a history professor at UVM, and a copy was given to each Selectboard member. Books are available for free in advance for registered participants and will be available at the Library Babes Bar and the Town Office. Owen noted that Vermont was the first state to abolish slavery, yet it persisted and this book talks about that. Future books being considered will be written by authors of color and will be of different genres.

Public Comment

Sally Wiernasz was present to discuss the road to her home on Avon Drive. She has pictures showing differences through the years in the size of the road, and indicated the road has taken over approximately 18 inches of her property. She stated pictures and records are available showing the expansion of the road onto her property. Large equipment has come off the road bed onto her property, as well as other car drivers. She wants the continuous disregard of the condition of the roadbed taken seriously and repaired. She also noted the stone wall built in the 1800's has also been compromised.

Jordan Garrow lives on Christian Hill and reported a change in the speed limit from 25 MPH TO 35 MPH which he feels is extremely unsafe. Therese explained that the town has to do a speed study, and legally the town cannot decrease the speed limit. She has spoken to the State and asked for signs for "32 speed limit" and "Children at Play." Therese has spoken to Constable Sergeant Oscar Gardner asking he and Sergeant Justin Cram for more targeted enforcement. Therese will verify the law about changing the speed and check with Two Rivers for information. Jordan stated most problem is mainly with out-of- state license plates, but some local drivers are also speeding dangerously.

Motion to appoint Karen Biller, Lisa McCrory and Lylee Rauch-Kacenski to the Town Meeting Committee

Gene Kraus moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to appoint Karen Biller, Lisa McCrory and Lylee Rauch-Kacenski to the Town Meeting Committee. So voted.

Set public hearing date for Zoning Bylaw Amendments to June 12, 2023 at 6 pm.
Denise Guilmette moved, Gene Kraus seconded, to set public hearing date for Zoning Bylaw Amendments to June 12, 2023 at 6 pm. So voted.

Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council Fair and Impartial Policing Policy
Constable Oscar Gardner agrees with the changes in the draft of the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy. The updated copy is in the Selectboard packet.
Dave Eddy moved, Gene Kraus seconded, to adopt the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council Fair and Impartial Policing Policy. So voted.

EV Charging station needs in Vermont and Downtown Improvement Plan
Discussion of the need to review the Better Connections Plan and what the Selectboard is going to do. The State is looking for property ad business owners for potential charging locations. An EV charging station(s) is also part of the Bethel for All downtown improvement plan. Continue discussion at a future Selectboard meeting.

Minutes and Communications:

1. Town Manager's Report
The small bridge over Stoddard Brook on Peavine Boulevard has been replaced with a temporary bridge.
Met with Rita Seth of TRORC to discuss next steps for a bike/ped grant for Church Street
Approval has been received for an ADA ramp for 257 Main Street. A zoning permit was issued (copy in your packet) with several caveats.
Federal Earmark application thru Senator Welch for Camp Brook was denied. Our focus will be on ditching projects and prepare for a future paving grant.
Mobile dolly speed cart has arrived and bill been in service soon starting on Church Street. Two more flashing speed signs are also on the way for Pleasant Street (north) and one on North Main Street.
WB Rogers will be starting work next week on Christian Hill. Pike will be in the following week or two to pave.
Delinquent water and sewer 24-hour shut-off notices will be in place next week.
Need to discuss the process for evaluating the Town Manager. The Selectboard needs goals also.
Jason Booth at our May 22 meeting to review Phase II water project bids and to award a project. Also need to approve water/sewer budgets May 22.

2. Selectboard Minutes from 4/24/2023 approval. Gene Kraus moved, Denise Guilmette seconded, to approved the minutes from 4/24/2023 as presented. So voted.
3. Other Communications - None
4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board – Denise asked for a “stop ahead” sign to be installed near Watershed Road Bridge, on Campbrook Road, and that the 40 MPH speed sign be relocated. People unfamiliar with the road are speeding around the corner and don’t realize they need to stop and the Campbrook/Route 12 intersection.
5. The next Selectboard meeting is Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6 pm at the Town Hall

8:20 pm Denise Guilmette moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to adjourn. So voted.

Submitted by Julie Kraus

Bethel energy committee meeting minutes

Time: 5:30-7:17

Date: Friday May 9th, 2023

Location: Bethel Town Hall, 318 North Main St., Bethel, VT

Participants; Nichole Cyr, Vincent Bergamo, Scott Putny. Guest Harry Falconer and Gene Kraus

5:35 meeting called to order

5:37 minutes and agenda approved

5:39: Nicole declares that she is stepping down as a member of the energy committee, and Harry begins the presentation of MERP aka 172

5:46: Harry introduced us to new MERP grants, and we were reminded that the select board is what applies to grant

5:48: we learned of mini-grants and what they do.

5:49: we learned we could apply for building assessment for up to 5 buildings if there is enough money; otherwise, you're guaranteed one building. Seamless to apply for as it is not a true grant. Each building gets a separate assessment. Investment grade assessments are possible for loans.

5:53: we learned about project implementation grants, which can be up to \$500,000. It can be used for matching funds with grants. We also learned about town eligibility and requirements.

5:58: we have an energy burden of 11%

6:03: Municipal energy loan program mentioned, though it is not a priority of the state. hfalconer@trorc.com #802 457 3188ex 3013

6:09: Harry opened the floor for questions.

6:57: Scott thanked Harry on behalf of the energy committee and that ended the MERP presentation.

7:00 Committee agreed not to invite vital communities rep for the next meeting.

7:09: Vin started his story about off-grid living

7:17: committee meeting adjourned

Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting

Tuesday May 23, 2023 6-8pm

VIA ZOOM:

<https://zoom.us/j/5820627640?pwd=TVNiSURhVm5ScTgweWI6OHdRbzZ4QT09>

Meeting ID: 582 062 7640

Dial In: 1-646-558-8656

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions (10 min)
 - Check In: Name, gender pronouns
2. Rick Bensen & Rebecca Sanborn-Stone RE Town Meeting (15 min)
3. Public Comment (5 min)
4. Selectboard Meeting Updates (15 min)
 - a. Fair and Impartial Policing Policy
 - b. Issues of Speeding on Christian Hill Road
 - c. June Selectboard Meeting Sign-Up
5. Declaration of Inclusion Revision (Citizenship, Sexual Orientation, Veteran Status) (5 min)
 - a. Set a date for proposal to the Selectboard
6. Juneteenth! (15 min)
7. EIC Book Club (20 min)
 - a. Tuesday May 30, 2023 5:30-7:30 at Bethel Library
 - b. Food Order
 - c. Childcare
 - d. Next Books and dates for future sessions
8. Farmer James EIC Training July 11 5-8pm (10 min)
9. PRIDEFEST (10 min)
10. Approval of Meeting Minutes (5 min)

11. Appreciations (5 min)

- 1. Next EIC Meeting: June 27, 2023 6pm-8pm**

**TOWN OF BETHEL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMMENDMENT OF ZONING BYLAWS**

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of Bethel, Vermont that the Bethel Selectboard will hold a hearing on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Bethel Town Hall to receive comments on proposed Bethel, Vermont 2023 Zoning Bylaw Amendments pursuant to Chapter 117 of Title 24, V.S.A. Section 4384.

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 891 4039 7820 Passcode: 398607

The proposed Bethel, Vermont 2023 Zoning Bylaw Amendments include the following proposed changes: 2.2 Administrative Permit, 2.2.4 Expiration of Permit, 2.3 Uses Exempt from this Bylaw, 2.5 Referral to State Agency, 3.1 Nonconforming/Existing Small Lots and Uses, 3.5 Travel Trailers/Recreational Vehicles, 3.6 Abandonment of Structures, 3.7 Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements, 3.8.1 More Than One Residence Per Lot, 3.8.4 Reduction of Lot Area, 3.13 Ponds or Impoundments, 3.14 Affordable Housing, 3.15 Residential Care or Group Homes, 3.16.1 Accessory Apartments, 3.16.2 Detached House, 3.16.2.2 Short-Term Rentals, 3.26 Steep Slopes, 4.4 Use Categories, 4.5 Dimensional Standards, Permitted and Conditional Uses by District, 4.6.3 Permitted Uses in the Core Business District, 4.6.4 Conditional Uses in Core Business District, 4.6.5 Land Area and Structural Requirements in the Core Business District, 4.7.3 Permitted Uses in the Village District, 4.7.4 Conditional Uses in the Village District, 4.7.5 Land Area and Structural Requirements in the Village District, 4.8.3 Permitted Uses in the Hamlet District, 4.8.4 Conditional Uses in the Hamlet District, 4.8.5 Land Area and Structural Requirements in the Hamlet District, 4.9.3 Permitted Uses Within the Medium Density District, 4.9.4 Conditional Uses Within the Medium Density District, 4.9.5 Land Area and Structural Requirements in the Medium Density District, 4.10.3 Permitted Uses in the Rural Development District, 4.10.4 Conditional Uses in the Rural Development District, 4.11.2 District Purpose, 4.11.3 Permitted Uses in the Resource Conservation District, 4.11.4 Conditional Uses in the Resource Conservation District, 4.11.5 Land Area and Structural Requirements in the Resource Conservation District, 4.12.3.3 Prohibited Development in Flood Hazard Area, 4.12.3.7 Nonconforming Structures and Uses, 4.12.4.1 Special Flood Hazard Overlay District, 5.1 Administrative Permits, 5.3 Relationship of Administrative Permits to Other Approvals/Permits, 5.4 Completion or Expiration of Permit Application, 5.5 Approval or Denial of Permit, 5.6 Effective Date of Administrative Permit and Posting, 5.7 Filing, 5.8 Permit Duration, 6 Conditional Use Approval, 6.2 Application for Conditional Use Approval, 6.5 Approval or Denial, 6.8 Application for Conditional Use Approval, 6.8.1 General Conditional Use Standards, 6.8.2 Conditions, Safeguards and Mitigation, 6.9.1 When Site Plan Approval Is Issued, 6.9.2 Application for Site Plan Approval, 6.9.3 Standards for Approval of Site Plan, 6.10.1 Hazardous Material, 6.11.3 General Standards for Review, 6.12.2 Location of Manufactured Home Parks, 6.12.3 General Standards for Review, 6.12.4 Specific Standards for Review, 6.13 Recreational Vehicle Parks, 6.13.2 General Standards for Review, 6.13.3 Specific Standards for Review, 7.5.1 Minor Subdivision, 7.8.1 Development Review Board Review Criteria, 7.8.2.1 Fire Protection, 7.8.2.2 Drainage, 7.8.2.5 Water and Sewage, 7.8.3.1 Standards for Private Road Construction Serving More Than 3 to 4 Units, 7.8.4 Conservation of Existing Resources, 7.8.5 Energy Conservation and Environmental Design, 7.8.8 Performance Bond Requirements, 8.1.2 Waiver Standards, 9.1.4 Power of the Development Review Board, 9.4.2 Time of Appeal, 10.1 Terms And Uses, 10.1.1 A, 10.1.2 B, 10.1.4 D, 10.1.6 F, 10.1.9 I, 10.1.10 L, 10.1.11 M, 10.1.16 S, and 10.1.17 T.

A full text of the proposed amendments is on file in the Bethel Town Clerk's Office, and available on-line at the Town of Bethel website. The proposed amendments impact the entire town of Bethel. These amendments are intended to be consistent with the goals established in Title 24, Section 4302 and are primarily to address minor administrative issues as well as increase housing availability in town.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed bylaw amendments, and to discuss any comments provided by the public. Persons not able to attend may submit written comments prior to the hearing by mail to Town of Bethel Planning Commission 134 South Main Street, Bethel, VT 05032 or by email to betheltownfinance@comcast.net

Bethel Selectboard

Bethel Water Department (4/18/2023 draft)	Budget FY 20-21	Actual FY 20-21	Budget FY 21-22	Actual FY 21-22	Budget FY 22-23	Actual as of 4/18/23	Proposed Budget FY 23-24
30-6-00-81.00 Water Rentals	238,904	237,739	248,809	247,197	256,482	190,856	257,182
30-6-00-95.00 Interest & Penalty	4300	5,977	4,700	4,380	4,700	3,743	4,000
30-6-00-95.01 Delinquent Water Rent (prior)							
30-6-00-95.02 Misc. Revenue	150	2,462	150		150		150
30-6-00-95.03 Fire Protection	5500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
30-6-00-96.02 Grant Revenue		943,000		687,012		9,413	
TOTAL - Water Department Revenues	248,854	1,194,678	259,159	944,089	266,832	209,512	266,832
30-7-00-01.00 Wages	22,910	24,118	24,860	20,437	22,572	15,533	22,187
30-7-00-01.02 Over time	8,230	9,429	8,477	14,571	5,797	4,795	15,000
30-7-00-02.00 Social Security	1,931	1,986	2,067	2,249	1,759	1,131	2,306
30-7-00-03.00 Medicare	452	446	483	527	411	265	539
30-7-00-04.00 Retirement	4,360	4,278	5,001	4,713	5,532	2,749	6,204
30-7-00-05.00 Health Insurance	8,969	8,302	9,453	10,028	6,848	5,217	8,146
30-7-00-05.01 Dental Insurance	433	382	446	377	304	246	303
30-7-00-06.00 W/c & UE	4,600	1,296	2,584	1,716	2,500	1,345	2,692
30-7-00-20.00 Electricity	25,000	20,083	23,000	24,439	23,000	14,701	21,000
30-7-00-25.00 Repairs - Maintenance Pumps	10,000	734	10,000	0	10,000		10,000
30-7-00-25.01 Repairs - Hydrants	8,000	12,899	15,000	3,938	13,000		6,000
30-7-00-25.02 Telemetry					3,500	600	1,500
30-7-00-26.00 Mains & Distribution Line	12,795	17,465	12,500	15,882	12,500	1,582	18,862
30-7-00-27.00 Maintenance - Website					0		0
30-7-00-28.00 Building Maintenance	500	800	500	91	1,500	190	41,000
30-7-00-29.00 Contracted Services	4,500	380	9,500	1,375	9,500		1,500
30-7-00-30.00 Tools		95	0		0		
30-7-00-51.00 Supplies (inc. PPE)	5,750	2,841	5,250	1,104	5,250	811	3,000
30-7-00-51.01 Office supplies/postage	1,400	258	1,400	428	1,400	457	1,200
30-7-00-51.02 Meters					4,000		1,500
30-7-00-52.00 Water Testing	3,300	2,430	3,000	2,119	3,100	1,329	3,500
30-7-00-53.00 Engineering Charges	3,000	165,932	2,580	101,919	2,580	19,638	2,500
30-7-00-54.00 Reserve Funds	5,000	0	7,000	0	7,000		15,000
30-7-00-55.00 Utility Truck Maintenance			3,000	4,072	3,000	1,453	4,100
30-7-00-70.00 Insurance	2,000	2,060	2,000	1,482	2,000	1,370	2,500
30-7-00-73.00 Legal Services	500	140	500	440	500	3,328	500
30-7-00-75.00 Reimb. To Town Of Bethel	6,585	6,585	6,811	6,811	7,731	7,731	9,200
30-7-00-75.01 Mileage	350	0	350	0	350		1,200
30-7-00-76.00 State of Vermont Permits	4,000	3,016	4,000	2,609	4,000	1,909	4,000
30-7-00-77.00 Leases	100	200	200	200	200	200	200
30-7-00-78.00 Chlorine	1,400	598	1,400	1,107	1,400	543	1,400
30-7-00-79.00 Training	800	195	250	227	250	94	250

Phase 2 water project

We will do in Phase 2

EOS telemetry annual charge plus parts

boulevard transfer switch - generator

we will add after expenses are added up
airbag suspension, ball joints, transmission service
pump house values will increase

matches general fund

Bethel Water Department (4/18/2023 draft)	Budget FY 20-21	Actual FY 20-21	Budget FY 21-22	Actual FY 21-22	Budget FY 22-23	Actual as of 4/18/23	Proposed Budget FY 23-24	
30-7-00-80.00 Dues	250	375	375		375	390	400	Rural Water (400)
30-7-00-81.00 Uniforms	934	230	934		934		300	
30-7-00-82.00 Grant Match	0		0		0			
30-7-80-83.00 Reimburse GF	5,000	5,000	7,000		5,000		5,000	
30-7-00-95.00 Other	100	1,088	100		100		100	
30-7-00-96.00 Depreciation Expense		43,236		42,704				
30-7-60-91.00 Debt Service - Principal	80,890	61,645	67,461	5,160	68,880	23,182	28,123	Matures 11/2031
30-7-60-91.02 Debt Service - Interest	14,816	2,423	5,004	6,233	3,810	7,065	2,123	
30-7-60-91.04 DWRSF loan		1,421,487	16,674	520,895	26,250	23,497	23,497	Matures 8/2061
30-7-80-80.00 Capital Outlay		-1,600,790		-597,624				
30-7-80-81.00 Change in GASB 68		30,514		-14,291				
TOTAL - Water Department Expenditures	248,854	252,157	259,159	185,938	266,832	141,351	266,832	0.00%

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0.00%

246,832

vacancy rate to cover 246,832 (23/24 budget) or 96.35%

Bethel Sewer Department (As of 4/18/2023)	Budget FY 20-21	Actual FY 20-21	Budget FY 21-22	Actual FY 21-22	Budget 22-23	FY Actual FY 22-23 (as of 4/18/23)	Budget FY 23-24	NOTES FOR 23/24
20-6-00-81.00 Fees	253,501	252,998	261,613	260,288	262,000	205,899	270,310	
20-6-00-95.00 Interest & Penalty	6000	5,817	5,750	4,060	4,000	4,237	3,300	
20-6-00-96.03 Grant Revenue		205						
20-6-00 Miscellaneous Revenue		2,241						
TOTAL - Sewer Department Revenues	259,501	261,261	267,363	264,348	266,000	210,136	273,610	2.86%
20-7-00-01.00 Labor - Operations	80,000	91,668	86,608	68,691	60,000	53,340	60,366	
20-7-00-01.02 Labor - OT							11,922	NEW LINE ITEM
20-7-00-02.00 Social Security	4,960	4,965	5,370	4,335	3,720	3,141	4,482	
20-7-00-03.00 Medicare	1,160	1,117	1,256	1,014	870	735	1,048	
20-7-00-04.00 Retirement	11,200	11,409	12,991	11,491	11,700	8,247	11,970	
20-7-00-05.00 Health Insurance	22,098	14,381	23,289	16,950	20,543	15,688	24,437	
20-7-00-06.00 W/C & UE	5,100	4,450	6,712	5,607	5,000	3,811	5,500	Door estimate is \$4110 not including installation
20-7-00-06.01 Dental Insurance	1,066	949	1,098	835	910	736	910	
20-7-00-07.00 Insurance	2,480	1,384	1,600	1,331	1,500	2,908	4,300	cost of infrastructure increased
20-7-00-20.00 Electricity	23,000	24,097	24,500	30,353	24,800	20,038	26,446	
20-7-00-21.00 Telephone	2,500	2,805	3,000	3,434	3,640	2,433	3,116	pager, cell, comcast & consolidated
20-7-00-25.00 Maintenance - Bldg.	2,500	2,877	2,500	6,960	7,500	5,783	5,000	tree removal \$5000
20-7-00-25.01 Maintenance - System	20,000	19,385	20,000	18,407	25,000	4,855	25,000	pump systems
20-7-00-26.00 Maintenance - Equipment	6,000	10,500	6,000	10,007	7,200	4,841	18,000	clarifiers - Richard getting pricing(\$5000) + composite sampler (\$2000+4500)
20-7-00-27.00 Maintenance - website	215							Wyatt to weld drive shaft \$5000+ calibration of equipment \$1500)
20-7-00-33.00 Flushing sewer lines	2,000	2,940	2,000		2,445	0	3,500	
20-7-00-34.00 Sludge Disposal	25,000	12,918	25,000	11,220	25,000	14,627	25,000	once we shut down clarifiers for repair, we may need to pump again
20-7-00-35.00 Supplies	3,000	3,455	3,000	1,813	3,000	1,399	3,000	
20-7-00-35.05 Postage/ mailing	800	258	1,000	391	1,000	258	500	
20-7-00-40.00 Lab Testing	3,000	3,868	3,000	5,526	4,000	3,057	6,690	\$1750 per year for WET test plus increased ecoli testing of \$1000 + ammonia
20-7-00-40.10 Lab Supplies	500	878	500	725	500	513	1,930	new test kits
20-7-00-50.00 Generator	500		500	0	500	0	500	
20-7-00-51.01 Chemicals	600		500	0	500	0	250	
20-7-00-53.00 Engineering Charges	2,500	1,870	1,500	330	1,500	0	750	
20-7-00-73.00 Legal Services	500		500	0	500	0	400	
20-7-00-75.00 Reimb - Town of Bethel	4,428	4,428	4,409	4,409	4,476	4,476	7,227	matches GF
20-7-00-75.01 Reimb - Use of emp. Truck	4,650	4,249	4,800	2,762	4,800	1,039	1,200	
20-7-00-77.00 Lease	750	400	750	400	750	250	500	
20-7-00-78.00 Training	800	118	500	84	500	70	250	
20-7-00-79.00 Certification	1,500	345	1,500	585	1,500	345	400	
20-7-00-80.01 Reserve Fund	6,000		4,030		30,000	0	5,000	
20-7-00-80.00 Dues	250		250	45	250		150	
20-7-00-81.00 Uniforms	800	676	800	414	800		300	
20-7-00-82.00 Grant Match	1,500							
20-7-00-95.00 Other	300	1,088	300	85	300		300	
20-7-00 Reimburse GF	8,496		8,600		11,296		5,000	
20-7-00-95.03 Debt Service (mascoma)	7,998	0	7,998	7,998	0		7,753	matures 6/30/2023
20-7-00-96.00 Depreciation Expense	0	66,086		66,996				We do not budget for this
20-7-00-80.02 Capital Outlay		-11,853						We do not budget for this
20-7-00-81.00 Change in GASB 68		21,424		-44,156				We do not budget for this
20-7-60-91.00 Interest on debt	1,350	1,966	1,002	8	0	529	513	
TOTAL - Sewer Department Expenditures	259,501	305,101	267,363	239,047	266,000	153,119	273,610	2.86%

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263,610
vacancy rate to cover 263,610 (23/24 budget) or 96.35%