

Minutes FOR SELECT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Meeting also Via Zoom

5:00 p.m.

Note to public: Select Board meetings will be held in person beginning at the Robert Vasseur Town Hall. Distancing will be in place. Masks for any unvaccinated people are respectfully required.

Attendees

Select Board Members: Jared Cadwell (Jared), Chuck Martel (Chuck), Mike Jordan (Mike)

SB Assistant/Town Clerk: Patti Lewis (Patti)

Road Foreman: Stuart Hallstrom

Minute Taker: Betsy Carter (Betsy)

Guests: Steve White, MRVTV, additional public members on Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at 5:02

2. Approve Select Board Minutes of May 25, 2021

- a. Motion to approve May 25, 2021 minutes by Chuck, seconded by Mike. No further edits or discussion. All in favor, none opposed; motion passes.

3. Road Foreman Update

- a. 1st load of culverts received
- b. Ditching complete on North Fayston Road.
- c. Roadside mowing started on North Fayston Road.

4. Steve White Access Permit

- a. Curb cut application for parking expansion. This would access the lower section of property where tennis courts used to be. Will primarily be used for employee parking.
- b. Visibility concerns with steep sharp corner coming from downhill. The road is pretty narrow and lots of people end up in the ditch in the winter.
- c. Would it be possible to access from Route 17? The Inn does own the right of way coming off another driveway on Route 17. The public used to access the tennis courts from the driveway. Steve: That area is leach field that was upgraded in the early 2000s. It is a shared driveway.
- d. Steve to meet with his excavator to determine if using and leveraging the shared driveway off Route 17 is viable with the leach field.

5. Covid Protocol Update

- a. Protocol updated on May 15.
- b. Face covering to be addressed.
- c. Review is needed as the State protocol and guidelines have been updated. The Town based its guidelines from the Commerce Department's recommendations.
- d. Chuck to review guidelines as things change.

6. Technology re: continued Zoom Meetings and Sound Quality Measures in Meeting Room

- a. Suggested to have a TV using the Owl device for camera.
- b. Pricing between \$1900 - \$2200 for setup.
- c. Accoustic baffles being investigated to aid in the reducing the echo in the meeting room.
- d. Does this technology qualify for spending emergency money? Potentially.
- e. The technology (Zoom) has enabled greater participation for people that can't attend in person.
- f. David Frank has been researching costs for baffling to help acoustics in the room.

7. PACIF Property Insurance

- a. Municipal building is covered up to replacement cost rather than the assessed cost.
 - i. Contents covered up to \$50,000.
 - ii. Patti to determine if contents need higher coverage (computers, furniture, kitchen, etc)
- b. Town garage is covered at assessment cost (\$349,831). Replacement cost may be significantly

more; Patti to investigate.

- i. Each piece of equipment is individually insured.
- ii. Building is what is covered.
- iii. Contents (aside from equipment) is covered up to \$50,000.
- iv. Stuart to confirm with Patti rough estimate of contents.

8. Other Business:

- a. Grand Fondo
 - i. Annual central Vermont event that will be passing through town on Saturday, August 7 over an 8 hour timeframe.
 - ii. Event will cover Route 17, German Flats Road, and up to Sugarbush.
 - iii. Event is asking town permission to use town highways.
 - iv. Select Board authorized Jared to sign approval.
- b. Excess Weight Permits
 - i. Chris Viens
 1. Insurance included
 2. Signed by Jared.
- c. Digitize select board minutes
 - i. Patti is in communication with Butternut Systems to digitize select board meeting minutes.
 - ii. ~\$200 to get software to begin immediately.
 - iii. Software would enable searchable database.
 - iv. Select Board in favor.
- d. Brad Long request to use town list serve to promote Efficiency Vermont programs
 - i. Brad has been working with the Valley towns to promote home energy reviews and has requested use of the town listserv to provide link to energy efficiency tools.
 - ii. Efficiency Vermont is a corporation. This may be outside the bounds of what the listserv was established for.
 - iii. The listserv was established for town business. Does this qualify? Not at the moment.
- e. Certificate of no appeal or suit pending for 2020 as part of the grand list needs to be signed by select board.

9. Read Mail and Sign Warrant

- a. All signed by Select Board.
- b. Boyce Hill Town Forest Public Meeting on Wednesday, 6/9. Final formal presentation that will cover recreation. Prior forums have provided feedback and discussion.
 - i. Discussion around testing the pond water.
 - ii. Porta potty rental for summer.
 - iii. Can litter (if Committee places a receptacle) be placed in town trashcan? Stuart to check with Casella for pricing; current pickup for every other week service is \$67 monthly. Patti checking with private local pickup company.

10. Motion to adjourn; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:41.

Dates of Interest:

June 9, 2021 Boyce Hill Forest Forum 7p.m.

June 22, 2021 Next Select Board Meeting 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Carter

Approved: Jared Cadwell