

## Selectboard Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2022

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

**Guests Present:** Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Terry Severy, Kevin and Paula Dougherty, Nancy Woolley, Asia Kennett, Larry Straus, Paul Frigault

**Guests Present on Zoom:** Orca, Martha Slater, Barb DeHart, Joan Allen, Jeff Gephart, Beth

Doon called the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Doon moved to approve the January 24, 2022, Selectboard meeting minutes. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted. Doon moved to approve the special SB minutes of January 11, 2022. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted. Doon moved to approve the special SB minutes of January 19, 2022. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Open bids for Emergency Generator:** Three bids were submitted. One from Vermont Power Technologies doing services for Brookfield Services. They gave two bids. One for a 12kw hour model for \$8,257.00 and the other for a 14kw model for \$8,836.00. The second company that submitted a bid was Central Vermont Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$12,375.00 for a 14 kw (no propane installation) and a bid with propane installation for \$16,300.00. The third bid was submitted by BC Johnson and company. They gave a bid for a 14kw generator for \$8,493.00. The propane installation price was \$6,874.00 and an electrical upgrade of \$16,675.00 for a total of \$32,042.00. Doon decided that there would not be a bid award at this time so the numbers could all be reviewed. The award will be decided at a later date.

**Farmers Market discussion:** Asia asked the board for permission to officially use the park for the Farmers Market for the upcoming season. The Farmer's Market is set up on Fridays from 3-6pm running from Memorial weekend until Indigenous Day Weekend. Asia shared the experience last year with the new set up and how much they really liked it. Doon suggested Asia fill out a Park Use Application to do it formally.

**Approve CAI Tax Map Maintenance Contract:** Doon moved to approve the new maintenance contract for the 2022-2023 year in the amount of \$1,750.00. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

**Approve Sandy's Bakery Liquor license:** Doon moved to approve the license for Sandy's Bakery. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted

**Approve FY23 Budget:** Doon thanked the Budget and Finance Committee and volunteers for the hours spent to put the budget together. The municipal amount to be raised by taxes is \$966,359.00 and the total budget including appropriations, reserves etc. is 1,397,011.00. This will bring us to the FY23 increased tax rate amount of 2.13%. Doon noted in the earlier stages of meeting we were at 18% increase.

**Sign the Warning for the March 28, 2022, Annual Town Meeting:** Doon noted they will sign at a later time this week awaiting the town attorney to review.

**Appoint Doreen Jones to fill vacancy for Library Trustee:** Doon moved to appoint Doreen to fill the vacant position. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted. She will fulfill Jola Labejsza spot until Town Meeting and run for the remaining year of Jola's term. The following year if she chooses to, she can run for a five-year term. Doon thanked Jola for her years of service at the library as a trustee.

**Joan Updates:** Joan had a meeting with Chris Mattrick and Brian Austin. She said they are ready to go out to bid since they now have the last easement signed by the landowner. She said there are a couple of problems further up the chain from the Forest Service that have arisen. She said it may delay construction a year. Too soon to say yet. She said the Eastern Federal Lands group that Chris and Brian report to have been slow approving documents through COVID to get things to move ahead. She noted a bunch of documents have been submitted to the Eastern Federal Lands group and they can't say how long the delay will be and it may hold up the construction project this year. The funding is an issue as well. They have been waiting for the funding to come through from Washington. This may not come soon enough. They will keep us posted. Both Brian and Chris would be happy to come to meeting to share updates. She also updated that there is also an issue with not having a temporary bridge because they will be all out for the upcoming season.

The town garage storm water project is out to bid and due March 7<sup>th</sup>. The design was done back in 2020, there was an agreement for the town to pay for 10% of the cost in the amount of \$3,535.00. She was reminded of it because they lost track of it due to all the Covid pandemic and people working from home. She said we do owe them that amount and about a year ago they submitted the costs of Joan's time, Cooter's time and the costs for the contractor to dig test holes. She said that will leave them with a match amount of \$2,300.00 to WRP. Cooter suggested we supply the fill for the project and WRP was happy with the idea. They estimated that would fulfill the required amount to cover our share of the costs.

She said she is working on the annual VTrans standards and procedures and will bring them in to review soon.

**Highway Updates:** Doon shared he had received a call last Saturday evening from the State Police that a Dollar General Truck had gone off the road on North View Dr. and wanted to have the roads treated as wrecker was on the way. Doon told them they were dirt roads, and they couldn't be salted.

**Utilities Updates:** Terry shared he would be attending a class on Cyber security for the utilities later in the week. Doon asked what is critical with the internet. Terry said the water doesn't get treated through the internet, only the readings. Terry noted the Fire Department would be receiving the air compressor later this week.

**Energy Coordinator Update:** Jeff shared he had submitted a draft report for the Town Report as the energy coordinator. He said he had a conversation with Norwich Technologies as the contractor for the Green Mountain Power Resiliency Zone. They will be installing in the pvc

panels in a tall rack in the gravel pit to enable grazing underneath them. Norwich Technologies will be looking for extra space for additional panels and this would allow the Public Utilities Commission to change the definition of projects with additional land and modification could potentially provide for community solar in town.

Jeff has put a call into GMP for the EV charging, to find out where the break line is to indicate where GMP stops paying and the town would take over to pay for the improvements for the installation.

**Old Business:**

Legal Trail- Board has not been approached for any proposal or petition or permit at this time. Doon said they reached out to Chris Bump for information for applying a driveway off Route 100.

**Public Comment:** no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Smith