

Town of Woodbury Select Board

January 28, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Select Board Members: Thomas "Skip" Lindsay-Chair; Brian Shatney; Michael Gray

Town Officers: Diana Peduzzi-Town Clerk; Brandy Smith-Town Treasurer; Laura Dailey-Scribe/Assistant Town Clerk; Phoebe Slater, Stephen Murphy, Cacky Peltz- Woodbury School District Board members; Susan Martin-Town Auditor

Members of the Public: Jeremy Hansen-Central Vermont Telecommunications Municipality, known as CV Fiber

Media: Griffin Lussier- Hardwick Community Television; Mike Bielawski-Hardwick Gazette

Skip called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Adjustments to Agenda- Michael asked to discuss a letter of support for a grant that would provide funding for full design plans to be done for the 5 priority sites designated in the survey for the Kingsbury Branch Tactical Basin Plan.

Public Comment: none

Approve the Bills to the Town: Bills were approved

Approve the Minutes from the January 9, Special Select Board meeting; January 14 Select Board Meeting and January 23 Special Select Board Meeting: Minutes were approved

Jeremy Hansen-CV Fiber (CV Fiber): Jeremy, as founder and chair of CV Fiber, was invited to make a presentation about CV Fiber to the select board. CV Fiber is a newly founded telecommunications municipality made up of 16 towns in the central Vermont region. CV Fiber's mission is to bring high speed fiber optic internet connectivity to all of the towns that are a part of CV Fiber. A similar and successful telecommunications municipality- EC Fiber-located in eastern central Vermont is a model for CV Fiber. Towns surrounding Woodbury are a part of CV Fiber but Woodbury is not. Many residents in Woodbury that do not have adequate access to the internet; this is also true for other rural towns that are a part of CV Fiber. After discussion with Jeremy the select board agrees to join CV Fiber. There is no financial obligation on the part of Woodbury for joining CV Fiber but the town must participate in its governance by sending a representative to its board of directors. Skip agrees to be the representative. Susan Martin agrees to be the alternative rep.

Town Treasurer's Report:

- Brandy researched financing for the new town truck- the Freightliner LoPro, listed in the budget as Truck #6 - and determined the local Union Bank would provide significant savings in interest payments over Daimler Truck Financial, the institution the town used to finance the other Freightliner trucks. Skip made a motion to purchase and finance the new truck through the Union Bank. Motion passed.
- Peter Dailey, part time road crew member, has passed his CDL test. As determined by the SB previously his pay rate will be bumped up to Step 2 for part time employees or \$15.93/hour. With the beginning of fiscal year(FY) 2020 Peter will be at Step 3 or \$16.45/hour; Tim Neill, Woodbury's other part time employee, will be at Step 4 or \$16,95/hour in FY 20. Michael asked the board if the town would pay Peter and Tim's hours for Peter's CDL test on Wednesday; the board agreed to do that.

- Brandy presented and went over the financial statements with the board. She did not have to transfer funds from the money market due to deposits to the town from the state. W-2's for elected and appointed officials and town employees are done.
- Michael went over a couple of changes to the proposed FY20 highway budget. The overtime amount was reduced from \$19,000 to \$16,000. The salt amount was also reduced. For the general municipal budget, Brandy suggested using money in the building maintenance fund for upkeeps to the town hall and town office instead of budgeting money for those upkeeps as separate line items in the FY 20 proposed budget. Diana told the board Friday, February 1 is the last possible day for changes in the budget proposal or other submissions for the town report.

Town Clerk's Report: Diana presented the board with the Town Warning to be included in the Town Report and confirmed the tax due date with Brandy. She also placed the town articles separate from the school warning in the town report.

Old Woodbury Store Project-

- The local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) has now been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Phoebe Slater asked for an update on the project and Michael gave her a quick rundown. The SB anticipates and is cautiously optimistic that the FEMA funds to purchase the property and perform the demolition work will be awarded in the near future and that work could begin this summer to remove the buildings from the site. Stream restoration work would follow once the buildings are removed.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved funds, approximately \$6,000, for a renewed Phase 1 plan and property survey. There will be no cost to the town for this work. A Phase 1 study was done in the beginning of the project and is now required to be renewed because of the lapse of time-over one year –since the initial Phase 1 study was done.
- The board opened and reviewed the 4 submitted bids for the asbestos removal and demolition of the old store. Bids were from Lamberti Excavation, Mountainside Excavation, Blue Mountain Trucking and Excavating and Dubois Construction. The contract was awarded to Blue Mountain; they were the lowest bidder. All contractors sub-contracted the asbestos removal work; Blue Mountain will be working with Catamount Environmental. Bid amounts were as follows: Lamberti Excavation - \$93,750; Mountainside Excavation-\$96,800; Blue Mountain-\$81,931 and Dubois Construction-\$147,950. Skip, Diana and Don Marsh, the engineer hired for the project, had previously researched Blue Mountain and found they were highly regarded. Skip introduced a motion that the town enter into contract negotiations with Blue Mountain for the asbestos removal and demolition of the old store. The SB approved the motion.

Town Roads Report: Michael shared the troubles the road crew had during the snow storm of January 20. There were many break downs and scrambling to get equipment fixed or other equipment functioning to keep roads clear of snow. The road crew put in a 16 hour day on that Sunday. Just so residents in town know what the road crew went through, Michael read a list of what the crew dealt with that day....The wing plow broke on Truck #1 and was repaired; an hydraulic hose broke on the 550 and was repaired; the frame of the front end plow on Truck #2 broke and the truck was out of service for the day; the solenoid for the Power Take Off (PTO) on the LoPro burned out. The PTO runs the hydraulics for that truck which works all the plows and the sander-this truck was out of service for the day. With 2 trucks out of service, the old International 6

wheeler was used but had to be started, cleaned of snow, chains put on the tires and a plow put on it before it could be used. The below zero temperatures and the strong winds froze the sand in the trucks before the crew could finish their routes, making the sanding of the roads a much longer process. The following Monday was devoted to repairing equipment. Two trucks were brought to the Burlington area to be repaired and other equipment was repaired in the shop. Roads were not plowed as well as they have been during that storm and there were complaints from residents. The road crew did the best they could under the circumstances and roads were restored in the following days.

Full Design Grant for Kingsbury Branch Tactical Basin Plan (KBTBP) Priority Sites: Michael had shared this grant project with the SB at its 1/14 meeting and followed up at this meeting with discussion and questions from that 1/14 meeting. The grant being applied for would pay for full design of the 5 priority sites designated in the KBTBP survey. 4 of the sites are in the village; the 5th is at the town garage. These designs would then be used to apply for grants to implement the remedial work. A letter of support for the grant, developed by Pam DeAndrea of Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) and Michael was presented to the SB for their review. The letter was then signed by the select board.

Woodbury School Property Lease: A lease for the school properties had been reviewed and discussed by Skip and Patrick Flood, Woodbury School District Board (WSDB) chair and then vetted by Paul Gillies, Woodbury's attorney. The members of the school board had reviewed the lease and were in agreement with its wording but wanted to wait until the next school board meeting on Thursday, January 24 to discuss the lease as a full board with Joanne LeBlanc, Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) superintendent present. Discussion then turned to the school building reserve fund and the money that was "awarded" and designated at last year's town meeting for the repair of the school roof. Issues from the mandated merger and the ownership of the school building have created questions of the use of that money. At present, Woodbury's school district board is not allowed to use those funds by the OSSU. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the school roof repair is also discussed. There is an urgency to get that RFP out to contractors so the work could be done this summer. Finally conveyance of ownership of the 14 acres of wetland adjacent to the school, owned by the WSD, to the town is discussed briefly.

Town Official Appointments- Diana discussed with the SB appointed positions for town officials. Positions were reviewed and positions that needed filling were noted. Positions that need filling will be posted on Front Porch Forum, Woodbury Connections and the town website.

Select Board Adjourns at 8:50 pm

Approved:

Thomas J. Lindsay, Jr.
Select Board Chair

Michael Gray
Member

Brian Shatney
Member

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