

**Town of Woodbury Select Board**

**February 25, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Select Board Members:** Thomas "Skip" Lindsay-Chair; Brian Shatney; Michael Gray  
**Town Officers:** Diana Peduzzi-Town Clerk; Patrick Flood, Stephen Murphy, Woodbury School  
District Board members

**Members of the Public:** Brett Stanciu, Town Librarian; Norman Etkind  
**Media:** Kurt Bos- Hardwick Community Television; Mike Bielawski-Hardwick Gazette

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

**Adjustments to Agenda:** Old Store/HMG Updates and Other Appointments of Town Officials  
**Public Comment:** none

**Approve the Bills to the Town:** Bills are approved

**Approve the Minutes from the February 11, 2019 Select Board meeting:** Minutes are approved

Skip passes out town financial reports from Brandy, who is away on vacation. There are no questions or discussion of the report.

**Town Official Appointments:** Rick Cannon and Michael McGlynn are appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Andi Rosin is appointed to the Conservation Commission. Skip indicates he would like to serve on the Planning Commission. Other appointments are discussed. Diana will contact those that are up for reappointment. Brian will contact members of the Rail Trail Committee.

**Town Clerk's Report:** The pre-town meeting, scheduled for February 28, 6:30 p.m. at the library's community room, is discussed. Steve Freihofer will be the moderator. Town meeting is also briefly discussed. A PA system is still needed.

**Old Woodbury Store Project:**

- Skip heard back from Blue Mountain, the contractor chosen for the demolition, and a payment schedule has been agreed to. Blue Mountain will receive 40% of the contract amount up front and the remaining 60% at completion of the work.
- The Hazard Mitigation Grant with its amendment for increased costs will be submitted soon to FEMA by Lauren Oates, the state's Hazard Mitigation officer with Vermont Emergency Management. She will also need a clean site letter and a "clean" title to the store property for the HMG submission. Sarah Fields will research and produce the clean title.
- Don Marsh, the engineer hired by the town for the stream restoration, has submitted an estimate for the design work needed for actual work of the stream restoration. Diana and the SB are dismayed to see the high cost for this work. This is another unanticipated increase in the costs involved with this project. Skip asks Diana to contact Don to question this estimate.

**Woodbury Graded School Discussion and Act 46:** Patrick begins this discussion sharing the events of the February 19 new union district meeting in Hardwick. After an hour of tense back and forth discussion of whether to vote to select members of the new union district board at this meeting or recess the vote until the court had ruled on a pending case contesting the constitutionality of the forced mergers, a paper ballot was held. The vote favored to recess the selection of union district representatives. Another meeting was scheduled for March 15. The discussion highlighted the complexity of this issue in the proposed new union district towns. Also the House of Representatives has passed legislation to give towns, including Woodbury, of this

late forced merger another year to work out the details. The Senate Education Committee is waiting to see what happens in the courts before it takes up this legislation from the house. The governor has stated that he would go along with the legislation. Because of this, Woodbury's School District Board (MSDB) is now faced with coming up with its own district budget as opposed to a new union district budget. This will not be completed in time for town meeting and will need to be approved by the town at a special town meeting later this year.

- **Wetland Property**- Patrick feels the WSD is willing to convey the 14 acres owned by the WSD, known as the school wetlands, to the town. He wants to make sure that the transfer of ownership will be acceptable to the state education board. This will be discussed at the February 26 WSD meeting. Patrick would also like the WSD to hire its own lawyer to work out this transfer and represent the WSD with all other legal issues the WSD faces with the merger.

- **Lease of Town Owned Buildings to the WSD**: Skip presents a draft copy of a lease from Paul Gillies, Woodbury's lawyer. A lease committee is discussed to work out the particulars for town and WSD use, responsibilities and financial obligations with these properties. It is suggested to have 2 select board members; 2 WSD members; Brandy Smith, as town treasurer and Library Committee chair on this committee. Brett also volunteers to be on this board. Skip and Michael will represent the SB. WSD reps will be decided at the WSD 2/26 meeting.

- **Lease of Town Owned Buildings to the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU)**: This is briefly discussed and a decision to focus, for now, on the lease between the town and the WSD is made.
- **Community Library Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**: Skip shares a copy of the MOU between the WSD and the library committee. All agree this MOU should be incorporated into the lease.

- **Request for Proposal (RFP) for School Roof Replacement**: Skip has closely reviewed the RFP developed by the OSSU for the roof replacement. He feels it is heavily biased towards the replacement being a metal roof. An asphalt shingle roof would be less expensive and the new RFP will be for an asphalt shingle roof. Larry Eldred has agreed to be the contact person for the project. Skip will meet with him to go over the RFP and then send a revised version to Paul Gillies for his review. When that is finished the RFP will be sent out for bid submissions.
- **Town Meeting School Discussion**: A discussion at Town Meeting of the mandated merger and the issues it has created is briefly discussed. It is felt this discussion would be good to have at town meeting when there are a good number of town residents present.

At this point in the meeting the power goes out. The SB finishes up with electric battery lamps....

**Town Roads Report**: Michael spoke with Greg earlier in the day and was told all the winter plowing equipment is performing well and the road crew is holding up okay. The paving of the upper part of the Cabot Road is discussed briefly. Michael will meet with someone from Pike Industries to get an estimate for the project to submit with the VT Trans grant application. He will get estimates for paving up to the quarry road entrance and to the old quarry road entrance that Swenson Quarry would like to upgrade for a new road in to the quarry. Michael will also get an estimate for the bottom of Valley Lake Road. Brian suggests checking on the condition of the culverts on Cabot Road and replacing if necessary before the road is paved.

**Select Board Adjourns at 7:40 p.m.**

Approved:

Michael Gray *Michael Gray*

Brian Shatney

Date: *11 March 2019*  
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