

**Town of Woodbury Select Board**

**April 8, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Select Board Members:** Paul Cerutti; Brian Shatney; Michael Gray

**Town Officers:** Brandy Smith, Town Treasurer; Patrick Flood- Woodbury School District Board Chair

**Members of the Public:** Russel and Rita Richardson; Jim Smith; Robin Durkee; Norman Etkind

**Media:** Kurt Bos - Hardwick Community Television

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Adjustments to Agenda:** Town Hall-Alcohol Use; Town Forest Grant Award

**Public Comment:** Public comment was related to the proposed paving of the upper Cabot Road to the new quarry entrance. Public comment can be found in the Town Highway Report.

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

**Minutes from the March 25, 2019 Select Board meeting:** Minutes are approved

**Town Treasurers Report:** Though present at this meeting, Brandy was sick and gave no treasurer's report other than to say she had transferred \$6,000 from the money market to the general fund for payroll and bills. She also provided financial statements for the select board.

**Town Clerk's Report:** There was no Town Clerk's report. Diana was attending the public hearing for the amended Articles of Agreement for the formation of the Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District.

**Town Official Appointments-**

- **Sylvia Jackson Fund-** Jeff Thompson, Susan Martin and Merry Gangemi are appointed to the Sylvia Jackson Fund Committee.
- **Health Officer-** Michael has not been able to contact Heather Lanphear to make sure she is interested in this position.

**Woodbury Graded School Roof Bid Opening:** Bids for the school roof repair are opened. The town opened two bids for the work at its meeting...one from Rodd Roofing; the other from Watershed Construction and Restoration. There was one other bid from Vermont Construction Company that was sent in a timely manner but its delivery was delayed by the town office hours and the failure of the delivery company to place the bid in the mail slot. The SB has agreed to honor this bid. Bids and contractors will be researched and a decision to award the contract will be made at the April 25<sup>th</sup> SB meeting.

**Woodbury Graded School/ Union District Merger:**

- **Lease vs. Conveyance-**The SB discussed the pros and cons of a lease with the school district for the school property and conveyance to the school district of the school property. The SB favors pursuing a lease.
- **Special Joint SB Meeting-** The SB agrees to hold a special select board meeting jointly with the Woodbury School District Board and the superintendant of the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union to review and suggest changes to a draft lease for the school property.

The meeting will be held Thursday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. in the community room at the town library.

**Town Roads Report:**

- **Paving Upper Cabot Road-** Discussion of the paving of the upper section of Cabot Road, from Flat Street to the new proposed Swenson Quarry entrance began as public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Woodbury residents present objected to the paving. They expressed concerns over speeding, icing of the road in winter and costs to the town, both initially and ongoing. Residents present were asked to talk to other residents on the road to see how they felt about the paving. The SB also expressed concerns over the initial and long term costs of the paving. Michael had worked out some cost estimates but discussion of these was postponed for discussion at the April 25<sup>th</sup> SB meeting when opinions from other Cabot Road residences will be available.
- **Paving Grant-**The paving grant with VTrans has been submitted but can be withdrawn.
- **Paving Fund-** The paving fund currently has \$43,000 in it.
- **Paving in the Village-** Discussion followed concerning the paving in the village. The paved area in front of the post office, fire station and town hall has deteriorated badly over the winter. Michael had obtained an estimate for paving this area of \$19,000. The estimate for the bottom of Valley Lake Road in the village is \$20,000. Brian asked if the paving of the upper Cabot Road was not going to happen if the paving in the village could this summer. Michael felt it would be better to wait until the erosion implementation for the village was completed. This, at best case, would not be done until next summer 2020. Other alternatives to paving were discussed, such as removing the pavement and replacing with stone or gravel. Discussion will continue at further meetings.
- **Road Crew Report-** The roads are in pretty good shape for mud season. There have been only a few deep muddy spots so far and the roads appear to be drying out. The road crew plans on beginning road grading soon.

**Town Hall- Alcohol Use:** Robin Durkee has a request for allowing alcohol form a group wanting to use the Town Hall. The town policy for use of the hall forbids alcohol. The SB discusses the possibility of a waiver that might allow for alcohol if supervised and also are somewhat hesitant in allowing this request. Michael will call the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to see if they have a template for a waiver.

**Town Forest Grant Award:** The Conservation Commission received a \$12,000 grant award for creating a hiking trail in the Town Forest.

**Select Board Adjourns at 8:12 p.m.**

Approved: ✓

Date: 4.25.2019

Paul Cerutti

Michael Gray

Brian Shatney