

Town of Woodbury Select Board

May 29, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Select Board (SB) Members: Paul Cerutti; Brian Shatney; Michael Gray

Town Officers: Diana Peduzzi-Town Clerk; Brandy Smith-Town Treasurer; Laura Dailey-Assistant TC/Scribe

Members of the Public: Mike McGlynn; Chance Payette-Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department President

Media: Emmett Avery-HCTV

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

Adjustments to Agenda: Town and Cemetery Mowing Contract review and signing

Public Comment: None

Approve the Bills to the Town: Bills approved

Approve the Minutes from the May 13, 2019 Select Board meeting: Minutes approved

Town and Cemetery Mowing Contract: The mowing contract with Derek Richardson for town properties and the town cemeteries was reviewed and approved.

Town Treasurers report: Brandy presented the board with financial statements and Swenson deposits for 3 quarters of FY 19. A payment was made to the town from the state education department for an overpayment, based on adjustments by the department to the original payment, totaling \$26,149.

Brandy, along with town auditors Susan Martin and Jayne Nold-Laurendau, attended the VLCT Government Accounting Symposium today. Based on information from the symposium, Brandy will be requesting that Tom Beers, assistant town treasurer, review much of the town's accounting so that two people are going over the work done.

Having a yearly professional audit for the town was also discussed. This has not been done for years. The SB agreed this should be done. The SB also discussed the upcoming end of the FY19 and wondered when information for the year would be available. Brandy said it would be around the end of July, after all the bills come in. Brandy feels the general fund is getting lower than she likes but the town is still in good standing. Many large payments will be due with the July 1 beginning of FY 20 that will significantly decrease the town's general fund.

Town Clerk's Report: The 7-million dollar union school vote passed yesterday. 44 people from Woodbury voted out of a total of 174 from all 4 towns. Another round of voting for the Articles of Agreement (AofA) for the new union district is scheduled for June 25; again by australian ballot. All articles have to be voted on; each article will have its own page. Diana anticipates that this will be very confusing for people that have not been following the development and discussions centered on the AofA.

Diana asked if the board received the complaint from Kirk Gallant about gravel on his lawn that he wants removed. Michael stated he has been communicating with Kirk. It is anticipated the road crew will do the cleanup of road gravel that ran onto his lawn with the April 20 and May 20 flooding. Diana also mentioned the holes at the old store and across Route 14 at Amanda Gravel's that were created with the flooding in the village on May 20th. The SB felt it would be best to mark these until the work to remove old store is done this summer.

Old Woodbury Store Project: Diana sent photos of the flooding in the village to Lauren Oates of Vermont Emergency Management who oversees the town's FEMA grant. The survey of the old store property was completed and paid for under the Brownfields Reuse and Liability Limitation Program (BRELLA) program the town has enrolled in. Paul and Diana discussed the differences between the tax map information and the actual lines and implications for the fire department property adjacent to the old store.

Mike McGlynn submitted a written request for financial information regarding the old store project. Diana will give him a copy of the FEMA application and any financial records for the town. She will also give him contact information to obtain other financial information from the state agencies that have been involved with the project.

Unlicensed Dogs: Laura presented the board with a copy of unlicensed dogs in Woodbury and a folder with relative laws and ordinances pertaining to licensing of dogs and excerpts from VLCT's "Big Book of Woof". Laura also mentioned that there was a requirement to send a copy of any warrants issued by the town for the year to the state attorney by July 25th of this year. She will contact their office and determine what is needed to fulfill the requirement.

Woodbury Volunteer Fire Dept-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

Chance provided the board with a revised MOU between the fire department and the town. The revised MOU is the same as the previous MOU but has new language to include the fire department's Capital Fund that was approved at town meeting. Chance suggested adding a provision saying that the MOU should be reviewed every three years. With further discussion it seems best to have the MOU reviewed every two years. Chance added that change to the MOU on the spot and Brian and Michael approved and signed the MOU. Paul recused himself from the vote with a perceived conflict of interest with his role within the fire department.

Town Highway Report:

- **May 20th Flooding:** The SB discussed the flooding from heavy rain on May 20. The village was flooded and several roads and driveways were badly damaged from the rain. The road crew has been working on repairs to the roads since that date. Chance has been contacted by Jonathan DeLaBruere from Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission for a damage assessment for the town from the flooding. Michael will review with Greg the materials and road crew work hours related to repairs for the flooding damage and get that information to Chance.
- **Cabot Road Washout:** A large chunk of the bank of Buck Lake Brook as it descends to the village along the guard rail section of Cabot Road washed out. VTrans was notified and has taken a look at it. The town anticipates a report from them with suggested repair/restoration work to be done. If the repair costs are greater than \$20,000, there is financial aid available from VTrans for repairing the damage. Brian also mentioned the brook is filled with rocks that were washed down from above with the flooding and continue to cause flooding in Chris Wright's basement. Paul asked if we were allowed to move the rocks. Michael will call Jaron Borg, the Agency of Natural Resources stream person to get his opinion on that.
- **Village Paving:** Paul had been seeking quotes for patching the pavement in the village center but the flooding has damaged the pavement to a degree that patching is no longer feasible. This damage could also qualify for the assessment for FEMA. Discussion will continue on what to with the paving in the village center.

Executive Session-Citing VSA 313 (a)(3) Personnel Issue: A motion is made and approved for the SB to enter executive session at 7:45 P.M., citing 1VSA Section 313(a)(3) to discuss a personnel issue. The SB came out of executive session at 8:40 P.M. No decision was made.

Select Board Adjourns at 8:41 P.M.

Approved: *yes*

Date: *6.10.19*

Paul Cerutti _____

Michael Gray *Michael Gray* _____

Brian Shatney *Brian Shatney* _____