

**Town of Woodbury Select Board**

**June 24, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Town Officers:** Diana Peduzzi-Town Clerk; Laura Dailey-Assistant TC/Scribe

**Members of the Public:**

**Media:** Griffin Lucier-HCTV

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

**Adjustments to Agenda:** Listers extension request for 2019 grand list

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve the Bills to the Town:** Brandy has a family emergency, so she was unable to supply the bills for this meeting.

**Michael made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 10, 2019 Select Board meeting:** Minutes are approved

**Listers Extension-** The listers requested an extension to August 4<sup>th</sup> to complete Woodbury's grand list. They need to visit camps and residences that are seasonal and are waiting until people come for the summer. The board approved and signed the extension request.

**Town Treasurers Report:** Brandy had a family emergency so there is no report this week.

**Town Clerk's Report:** There is another school vote for the new union district Articles of Agreement. The election is on Tuesday, June 25. Ballot counting will be different as some article ballots will be counted in Woodbury and some will need to be comingled and counted in Hardwick. Michael and Brian agreed to help with the counting.

**Old Woodbury store:** Diana once again checked in to see if there was any movement towards a decision by FEMA and was told, "Nothing yet."

**Post May 20<sup>th</sup> Flood Discussion:** Discussion immediately turned from the Old Store to the flooding in the village on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Those impacted by the rock debris in the section of Buck Lake Brook that runs through the village would like to do something about it. Michael restated that the town has permission from Jaron Borg to move stone from the stream as long as the removal does not exceed 10 cubic yards. Brian will see if Chuck Batchelder is able to remove the rock debris. There was also more erosion on the Cabot Road/Buck Lake Brook embankment from the heavy rain on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Michael has submitted the request letter to VTrans for a VTrans Town Highway Emergency Grant. VTrans is working on that request and should be getting back to the town soon.

**Washing ton County Sheriff Department FY 20 Contract:** The select board reviewed the contract and inserted the FY 20 town budget amount. The SB signed the contract.

**Central Vermont Humane Society Contract:** Kim Silk was consulted about the contract and he approved it as written. The SB signed the contract.

**Woodbury Conflict of Interest Policy:** Laura discovered on the VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns) website that VLCT required that each subscribing town have a conflict of interest policy for elected and appointed officials and that there was a July 1 deadline for each town to adopt such a policy. Laura adapted the VLCT template policy for Woodbury. Paul mentioned that there is no remedy for enforcement if a conflict remains unresolved in the policy. Section 11 discusses the consequences, but there is no oversight except the

voters over some of the offices. A chart of incompatible offices was also included in the policy The SB reviewed the policy and decided to continue the review and discuss again at the July 8 meeting.

**Town Highway Report-** There was much road damage with the heavy rain on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The road crew repaired the major damage on the following Friday and the crew will address other damage from the storm this week. Paul presented a list of work priorities for the road crew to begin a discussion about how the SB directs that work and what they feel needs to be done. Discussion continues about Paul's list and some of the maintenance challenges that stem from the new state erosion standards/ best management practices for the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP). One example is the stone lined ditches on steeper roads. Many now are filled with road gravel from the heavy flood events this spring/summer. To clean them, the only solution seems to be to remove the stone, sift it and then return it... a very labor intensive procedure. Michael will call Jim Ryan and discuss these issues. Paul wants to show the road crew the list he has written and begin a discussion on addressing items on the list. Paul feels the conversation is necessary to address issues he has been hearing from town residents. So far this summer season the road crew has not been able to get to its summer work as the crew has had to address road repair work from the three major flooding events since snow melt. A new grader is also discussed. The town's grader is small by most other town's standards and takes many passes to do the summer grading. A larger grader would significantly reduce the time needed for the grading. The SB will look at the equipment replacement schedule to get a sense of when it would be able to purchase a larger grader. Greg has seen used graders for sale at around \$100,000. Culverts have also been a big issue... this year's heavy rain and the road sediment have caused many to be plugged. Greg has been researching a mower/brush cutter that can be used with the bucket loader to do the roadside mowing and also brush cutting. The mower attachment could be financed through the funds the town spends each year to rent a tractor and mower to do the roadside mowing. The SB is interested in this idea but would like to see if the road crew could use a demonstration model or to see if other towns are using this piece of equipment. Michael will also check with Brandy to see if the Union Bank could arrange financing that stays within the yearly rental fee the town pays for a mower.

**Village Square Paving:** Paul has contacted a couple of paving contractors but has not met with any yet to have them view the paving damage in the village. Michael will send Paul an RFP for paving that Skip wrote up for the lower Cabot Road paving a few years ago. If the town were to pave the village square, Paul thinks the end of Valley Lake Road and the paved area in the village center should be done. The Pike Company's paving rep has given the town an estimate of \$20,000 to do the village square and another \$20,000 for the bottom end of Valley Lake Road, from the school drive to Route 14, in the village. With the RFP for the work, the town will submit for bids and go from there. Michael mentioned the paving in South Woodbury is developing a lot of cracks. He would like to contact a company that would seal the whole surface, instead of plugging the cracks, to get an estimate from them of what that would cost. The Select Board agrees to look into this. Herricks Cove Road was repaired. Michael will put together an invoice for the gravel and road crew time to send to them. The town has submitted a letter of intent for the MRGP Grants-in-Aid program; the road crew is planning on working on the lower part of Valley Lake Road for that project. Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) will inspect the site and recommend the work to be done there. Paul mentions the erosion on the corner of County Road by the end of Greenwood Lake and wonders if the CVRPC rep could look at that site also when they are in town. Erosion here is a perpetual problem. Michael will request that when the site visit happens. CVRPC has also placed traffic monitors on the Cabot Road. The underground fuel storage tank is due for a cathode ray test this summer and a test is scheduled. The test is to check for corrosion of the tank. A brief discussion follows over the possibility of switching to an above ground tank, something the town has discussed several times over the last few years. Michael will look for the estimates Skip had researched about two/three years ago and the SB could discuss more from there.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.**

Approved: 7.8.2019 Date

Paul Cerutti [Signature] Michael Gray [Signature] Brian Shatney [Signature]