

Select Board Meeting Minutes August 19, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Fran Tobia, Jan Georgett, Barbara Petra

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Charlie Howard at 6:31 pm.

Requests to Change Agenda/Public Comment: None

Review/Approve Minutes: Todd made a motion to accept the minutes from last meeting; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

Town Center Maintenance: There was discussion regarding the painting of the Town Center building. Estimates will be gathered and Select Board may present this as a separate vote at Town Meeting. Charlie will call Veterans Electric and have them take a look at the air conditioners and the power out to the Town Center blue spruce. The Select Board will start advertising for someone hired by the Town to help in the snow removal on the steps and walkways of the Town Center.

P.A.C.I.F. Buildings Tour: A representative is needed to show VLCT's John Deslauriers to the various Town properties for an inspection audit. Todd will be available on Monday, August 24th.

Old Business

Town Garage Discussion:

- a) **Energy Audit:** When asked about windows at the garage/fire department, Efficiency Vermont said they only focused on the insulation of the building because it was the most cost effective. The Select Board is still looking to caulk the single pane windows, seal off the vents and replace the doors to help tighten up the space.
- b) **Bathroom:** Mark Roberts and Kevin Felion will meet to go over plans on Tuesday August 25th to begin the work on the bathroom.

- c) **Propane Heaters:** The three propane heaters from Carroll Mechanical with higher output new estimate came in at approximately \$17,000. It was further discussed that since we are committed to Cota & Cota for heating fuel pre-buy, we would be purchasing the propane from Cota.
- d) **Paint/Doors:** The Select Board is waiting for Jake Arace to give a start date for the painting of the garage/fire department. Gail made a motion to purchase 3 steel insulated doors to replace the decrepit ones at the garage/fire department at an estimated cost of \$1,400.00; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Peru Fair Storage Area: Fran Tobia and Jan Georgett came to discuss and convey their concerns regarding the Community Houses' condition. In particular, the storage area in which the Fair Committee uses needs maintenance and repair. Fran asked that a proper wall be erected to segregate the space and that a large hole in the wall be boarded up so that various critters would not have access to the space. They reported rotted studs on the South Road wall. Water is still a problem possibly due to a concaved area in the roof that collects rain water. Charlie's concern about the expenditure has moved the grant writing process as a priority. Items that are of immediate attention are bringing the lift chair to the second floor into working order, the fire doors and removal of the fire escape.

Dalen Cole will be consulted about the feasibility of preparing a grant obtained from Vermont Villages Historic Grant Preservation Program for work on the Community House.

Jan brought up the removal or at least the repair of the split rail fence in front of the Community House. The Select Board will address this as soon as possible. Fran wanted to bring up the idea of having power brought to the Village Green. She knows that this would be an asset to the running of the Peru Fair as well as other Town sponsored events. Discussion ensued regarding placement, cost, security and an overall Town Green Plan. Charlie asked Fran to continue speaking with Green Mountain Power representative Gene Bjourn as to his recommendations.

Designation Village Center Renewal:

Charlie approached John LaVecchia to help write the application for renewal and he said he would be happy to assist.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne did not attend this meeting. Todd reported that Bruce Orchitt has said he will be moving in 3 weeks, well before the Peru Fair date.

Executive Session: Charlie called Executive Session at 7:41 pm to discuss personnel policy. Regular session back was back in session at 8:29 pm.

Other Business

Sick Pay: Charlie made a motion to use the Select Board Discretionary Account to pay Margaret Cobb for 4 (four) sick days: Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Review and Approve Payments: The Select Board review and approved the pay order.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
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