

Weathersfield Select Board
Minutes
May 20, 2013

Present: C. Peter Cole
Norman John Arrison
Dave Fuller
Richard Clattenburg

Others Present: Jim Mullen, Town Manager
Lisa Slade, Recording Secretary
David Moore
Lawrence Moore
Michael Todd
Bette Jo Esty
Edith Stillson
John Broker Campbell
deForest Bearse
Roy Mark
Lillian Dunn
Wes Hazeltine

1. Call to Order: Mr. Arrison called the Weathersfield Select Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Martin Memorial Hall.

2. Comments from Citizens and Select Board Members: Mrs. Esty said she would like to thank the highway department for helping at the Hoisington playground, she said it is almost ready to be used again. She asked that no one drive on the fields, please park in the parking lot.

3. Review Minutes from Previous Meetings: **Mr. Cole made the motion to approve the minutes dated May 6, 2013, Mr. Fuller seconded the motion.** Two typo's were noted. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Regular Business

A. Review and prioritize Select Board goals for 2013- 2014: Mr. Fuller said he would like to add review of Town Meetings. Mr. Mullen said Jenness is working on the total compensation information. Mr. Clattenburg asked for a time frame. Mr. Mullen said he can report back on this at the June 17th meeting.

Mr. Mullen said he would like to add culvert projects, Bow Pit, park & Ride and Chief Davies' recommendations to the list even though these are currently being worked on.

B. Review Select Board's procedure for appointing citizens to Town boards to fill vacancies': The Board reviewed the policy on appointments. Mr. Mullen said people should not hand in a letter of interest the night of the Select Board meeting, they should follow the more formal process. There was discussion about some interviews being open

to the public but overall the consensus of the Board is they are ok with the current procedure being followed.

C. Approve 2013 basic emergency operations plan: This is updated annually. Mr. Cole said to delete the daycare in Perkinsville as they are out of business. Mr. Arrison asked if there has been any discussion in our area for reverse 911, Mr. Broker-Campbell said not that he has heard of yet. Mrs. Slade asked about generators at the emergency shelters, it was said that the school and town office still do not have generators and there are not currently any grants available to help out with the purchase of one.

Mr. Cole made the motion to approve the 2013 basic emergency operations plan. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

D. Update on park-and-ride project: Mr. Mullen said he is waiting for feed back from the Agency of Transportation and once this is received it will go to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Fuller asked if the town is liable for maintenance, Mr. Mullen said yes and the bids would ask for shur pac and paved options.

Mr. Fuller said he would like to see the deed to the property. Mr. Mullen said there is not a deed but we have permission from the State to use the State highway right-of-way for this project. He said their right-of-way is 128' from the center line. Mr. Fuller said he would like to see the States deed then. Mr. Mullen said they don't have one, it is unclear who owns the land but we have permission to use the States right-of-way and will stay within that so we are all set. Mr. Fuller asked if abutters were notified so maybe they would come forward and know who owns the land. Mr. Mullen said they haven't been notified yet but will be eventually and even if they do know who owns the land it doesn't matter because the State has a right-of-way.

E. Update on design for new phases of extraction at Bow Pit: Mr. Mullen said to avoid the wetlands we would like to renumber the phasing steps. Phase 6 would be changed to Phase 1 and we would work north to south. He said he doesn't think the Engineer will have a problem with this, they have asked for our feed back and this will be our feed back.

Mr. Fuller asked if this has gone to Act 250 yet. Mr. Mullen said not yet and he said it also needs to go to the Zoning Board still.

Mr. Hazeltine said he doesn't agree with the slope that they have as 2 - 1 so they will go back to the Engineer on that as well.

Mr. Fuller said he knows we use about 5,000 yards a year so how long will this pit work for us. Mr. Hazeltine said probably 10 - 15 years.

F. Update on Perkinsville school reuse project: Mr. Mullen said the three Committee members are meeting on Wednesday to do a walk around. He said an Historical Preservation person from Boston will be looking at the project which, is required for the Brownsfield grant. He also noted that Clay Point Associates are writing their report and we should have that soon.

G. Decide on a process to make decisions regarding Crown Point Road: Mr. Arrison said Crown Point Road is on the town map as a Class IV road. Mrs. Barse said from the Cavendish town line to Route 106 has been surveyed as well as from the Springfield town line north to around Wellwood Orchard Road. She said both surveyed

sections were reviewed recently and they are fairly accurate to what is reflected on the ground.

Mr. Arrison said the Moore's have asked that the Town not retain ownership through their property and maybe re-route the trail closer to the power line since we detoured it around Wellwood Orchards fence line. Mr. Arrison said the Wellwood Orchard detour was partly a safety issue and he feels these two scenarios are different.

Mr. David Moore said the trail through their property is also a safety issue and he thinks the Police Chief should look at the section by Route 106 near the sharp corner. He said this is not a safe access point. Mr. David Moore said they are willing to work with the Town but there needs to be communication which there hasn't been in over a year, they may even be willing to give the Town some of their land for a place to have "an information booth".

Mr. Arrison said there is an option to reclassify it as a trail and then we would be flexible on the trails width and uses.

Mr. Fuller said we should address this in sections since the Crown Point Road is so long. He said he remembers someone saying it has to be clearly marked and that is a large expense. Mr. Mark said if it isn't clearly marked then how do we know where the road is. He said he needs to know because he is in the process of subdividing his property as we speak.

Mr. Larry Moore said he has owned the land since 1959 and there has never been a problem but now the Town wants to own a Class IV road through his land. It was noted in addition to the Class IV road being four rods wide there is a 50' set back on each side.

Mr. Hazeltine said he asked Steve Aikenhead to be sure to contact the land owners before cutting brush through and along the trail. Mr. Mark said he could deny him permission to do that since it is not known exactly where the road is.

It was discussed that a Class IV road may benefit some land owners where a trail may benefit others. Mr. Fuller asked the landowners to be sure they knew what restrictions applied if it was classified as a trail.

Mr. Mullen was asked to solicit bids for surveys from the Cavendish town line to Route 106 and from the Springfield town line through Mr. Marks property.

5. Appointments

1. Ancient Roads Committee: **Mr. Cole made the motion to appoint Steve Aikenhead, Ted Goddard, Julia Lloyd-Wright and deForest Bearse to the ancient roads committee, Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion.** Mr. Fuller said he could not support Mrs. Bearse because there is perception that as a paid employee of the Town she represents the Town. **Motion carried 3 - 1 with Mr. Fuller being the dissenting vote.**

6: Sign Treasurer's Warrants: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the Treasurer Warrants as follows:**

General Funds Payroll	\$16,474.60
General Funds Operating Expense	\$92,306.43
Highway Fund Payroll	\$12,327.74
Highway Fund Operating Expense	\$11,598.25
Solid Waste Management Fund Payroll	\$ 1,279.49
Solid Waste Management Fund Operating Expense	\$ 5,850.34

Library \$ 782.84
Reserves \$ 3,500.00

And, an article given to us tonight for Parks & Rec in the amount of \$515.98. Mr. Cole seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

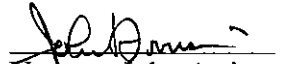
7. Future Meeting Agenda Items: evaluation of fire services, recommendations regarding police department.

8. Executive Session: **Mr. Cole made the motion to go into Executive Session for contract discussion without Mr. Fuller as he has recused himself. Motion passed without dissent.**

9. Adjourn: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Cole seconded the motion which passed without dissent.** The Weathersfield Select Board meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.


Submitted by,
Lisa Slade

Approved by the Weathersfield Select Board on June 3, 2013


Norman John Arrison


Dave Fuller


Richard Clattenburg

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