

Weathersfield Select Board
Minutes
August 19, 2013

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

Others Present: Jim Mullen, Town Manager
Lisa Slade, Recording Secretary
Edith Stillson
deForest Bearse
Janet Gould
Aurelie Eybalin-Sebastiao, VELCO
Shana Duval, VELCO
Lynn Esty
Michael Foisy
Linda Foisy
David Moore
Lawrence Moore
Bette Jo Esty
Wes Hazeltine
Lillian Dunn
Roy Mark
Melanie Sheehan
Gil Whittemore
Michael Todd

1. Call to Order: Mr. Boyer called the Weathersfield Select Board meeting to order at the Town Highway Garage at 7:05 p.m.
2. Comments from Citizens and Select Board Members: Mr. Foisy said he resides on Soaring Pines Drive and asked what the procedure was to having chloride put on the road. Mr. Hazeltine said they usually chloride after grading and they have not graded that road for quite some time. Mr. Foisy said he has called the Town Office six times since June and it still has not been done. Mr. Hazeltine explained just because one calls to request it doesn't mean they do it. Mrs. Foisy said they have lived there for twenty three years and they have to call every year. She said the road has a lot of traffic and it is extremely dusty. Mr. Boyer said he will discuss this with the Town Manager and the Highway Superintendent.
3. Review Minutes from Previous Meetings: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the minutes dated August 5, 2013, Mr. Cole seconded the motion.** A spelling correction was noted. **Motion carried 4 - 0 with one abstention.**
4. Regular Business
 - A. Presentation by VELCO to Select Board and Planning Commission: Shana Duval from VELCO and Aurelie Eybalin-Sebastiao were in attendance to let the Town

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know the preliminary details for the Connecticut River Valley Project. They said the proposed project was first identified during the 2009 long-range transmission plan and it has to do with the reliability deficiency of the electric transmission lines from Plymouth VT to Ascutney VT.

They said there are two options, either to install new lines or rebuild existing lines and at this time they are pursuing the rebuild option. It will be cheaper and have less impact. By the time all the studies are complete the project won't take place until 2015.

Mr. Arrison urged them to consider maintaining a similar structure and to avoid side by side lines. They acknowledged this is a concern.

Mr. Todd asked if there would be more line corridors in our area. Ms. Eybalin-Sebastiao said not with the rebuild option but they would need larger poles because the wire size will be bigger. Mr. Todd asked if telecommunications could go along with this. Ms. Eybalin-Sebastiao said there is fiber wire there now but as for cellular wires that is tricky so probably not.

B. Second of two Public Hearings on revising land use chapter of Town Plan: Mr. Boyer opened the Public Hearing: Mrs. Bearse said this is the second of two Public Hearings for the Select Board.

Mrs. Sheehan said she has "healthy community design" - smart growth language. Mr. Todd said ordinances and/or by-laws come from the Town Plan so that is how Mrs. Sheehan's concerns could be addressed. He said there are a couple other issues that have come up since the last Public Hearing as well so the Planning Commission welcomes the Chapter back.

Mr. Whittemore said he agrees, it is worth taking the time to address the new information they have been presented. Mrs. Sheehan said they are not looking to regulate, they are looking to suggest best practices.

Mr. Arrison made the motion to close the Public Hearing and send the Chapter back to the Planning Commission for further review. Mr. Cole seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

C. Perkinsville School

1. Retain Ownership of 1879 Building: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to maintain ownership of the 1879 building, Mr. Cole seconded the motion.** Mr. Fuller asked if the Town owned it now not, the School. Mr. Boyer said that is correct.

Mr. Todd said while the Food Shelf is a good idea it will be the Towns responsibility to pay for it and that means it should go back before the people to decide if they want to pay for maintenance of this building.

Mr. Fuller said he understands the need for a food shelf but not sure if we need one in our town or if we can work with other towns like we do with the solid waste facility and like what we have been doing with the town of Reading. He said no matter what is decided there can't be traffic during the demolition which should be happening soon.

Mrs. Esty said about 46% of the students are eligible for reduced lunches at the school and there is a definite need for a food shelf in Town.

Mr. Fuller said we need to know the costs associated with this, who will have keys to the building, what part of the building will be occupied as a food shelf etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Weathersfield Food Shelf Committee: Mrs. Bearse said the Committee will work on the details, they just needed to know the Select Board wasn't going to be selling the building. She said there are Grants available, they have looked at the building, they have some shelving already there etc.

3. Update on project to remove hazardous materials from two additions: Mr. Mullen said EHM started last week, they finished the walk way today. He said the work is going smoothly and they hope to finish the third week of September. He said Green Mountain Power will be disconnecting the service to the building tomorrow and then there will be just a power drop there for the security cameras etc.

Mr. Mullen said the Board needs to meet on Monday September 30th to award the next bid, it was decided they would meet at 7:30 a.m.

Mrs. Esty asked if the Hoisington Field should be closed during any of this time. Mr. Boyer said the contractors are trying to keep all activity on the back side of the building so they don't interfere with the school buses out front and at some point the playground area may need to be closed for a short time.

D. Fire Commission Update: Mrs. Esty gave an update to the Board from the Fire Commission. Mr. Clattenburg asked if the departments have been working together since the meeting with the Select Board that was held at the Ascutney fire station. Mrs. Esty said they have been working on some projects together since then.

E. PACE update - Mr. Mullen said this needs to go back on the next agenda

F. Speed Limit on Thrasher Road: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to lower the speed limit on the Thrasher Road from Route 5 to the interstate bridge to 30 mph, Mr. Cole seconded the motion.** Mr. Boyer said if we do this the Ordinance will need to be changed. Discussion was that this may set a precedence since we have other Town roads that have high traffic count in residential areas and the speed limit is higher than 30 mph. It was suggested to put up a solar powered sign that warns drivers of their speed. When Mr. Boyer asked for the vote **three members voted in favor of the motion, one against (Mr. Fuller) and Mr. Clattenburg abstained.**

G. First Reading: policy on driver license record checks and proof of insurance: Mr. Arrison said this is the first reading of a policy that he drafted which was triggered by complaints of erratic driving. He said Chief Davies has reviewed this. He also said he feels this policy is up to the Select Board to approve because it is the Towns liability. Mr. Arrison also noted he is not sure how the Departments are checking motor vehicle records because there is a legal process to go through and getting copies of their members drivers licenses and asking a police officer to check their record is not the legal.

Mrs. Esty said she understands it is up to the Select Board to establish this policy but feels the Fire Commission should review the draft and she also said both fire departments do have an operating procedure already. Next reading will be on September 16th.

H. Update on permitting of new extracting phases at Bow Sand Pit: Mr. Mullen said a permit was received from the Zoning Board last week. Mr. Fuller asked where we sat with Act250. Mr. Mullen said we now need to apply for an Act250 permit amendment.

5. Appointments:

Mr. Cole made the motion to appoint Stephen Aikenhead and David Moore to the Crown Point Road Advisory Committee, Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion. Mr. Fuller questioned this motion and the discussion that took place last week, he said the minutes were confusing and didn't know if this motion was necessary because he understood Stephen Aikenhead was already part of the Committee. **Motion passed**

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Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to appoint Mr. Boyer as the Select Board representative to the Crown Point Road Advisory Committee. Mr. Cole seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

Mr. Fuller questioned why an appointment wasn't made for the Budget Committee at the last meeting since someone had volunteered to serve. Mr. Boyer said no motion was made therefore, no action was taken.

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

General Fund Payroll	\$20,359.45
General Fund Operating Expense	\$38,691.90
Highway Fund Payroll	\$12,905.37
Highway Fund Operating Expense	\$14,267.16
Solid Waste Fund Payroll	\$ 1,563.37
Solid Waste Fund Operating Expense	\$ 7,149.47
Library	\$ 884.69
Grants	\$ 2,059.01
Agency Monies	\$ 49.35

Mr. Fuller seconded the motion. Mr. Arrison amended his motion to remove the duplicate payment entries that were included in last weeks warrants. Mr. Fuller seconded the amended motion which passed without dissent.


7. Future Meeting Agenda Items: The next meeting will be Tuesday September 3rd, Monday is a holiday.


8. Adjourn: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fuller and passed without dissent.** The Weathersfield Select Board meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.


Submitted by,
Lisa Slade

Approved by the Weathersfield Select Board on September 3, 2013


C. Peter Cole


Norman John Arrison


Dan Boyer


Dave Fuller


Richard Clattenburg