

Weathersfield Select Board
Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2014
Approved 11/03/2014

Present: N. John Arrison
David Fuller (arrived late)
Daniel Boyer
C. Peter Cole

Others Present: Town Manager, Jim Mullen

Julia Lloyd Wright	Wanda Gropler	Loraine Shand
Michael Todd	Charles Horton	Jeff Slade
Charles Horton	Alan Hudson	Janet Gould
Bonnie DuPrey	George Lamb	Beverly Savage
Lynn Esty	Ernest Shand	Shirley Harlow
Polly Bergeron	Matt Keniston	Wes Hazeltine
John Esty	BJ Esty	

1. Call to Order

Chairman Arrison called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM at Martin Memorial Hall. (The meeting was scheduled to be held at Weathersfield Bow Baptist Church, but no one came with a key to open the building, so the meeting was moved to Martin Hall.)

2. Comments from Select Board and Citizens on topics not on agenda

Select Board: No comments.

Citizens: Lynn Esty said submissions are being solicited for the 2015 Weathersfield Directory. Forms are available online and at Martin Hall.

Charles Horton said people he has spoken to have said they do not want the Town to buy another police cruiser. John Arrison said it is the Select Board's responsibility to meet the needs of the Police Department and that if the department needs a new cruiser it would be purchased with reserve funds that have been set aside for that purpose.

Julia Lloyd Wright asked to be added to the agenda under "Budget".

3. Review Minutes from previous meetings (October 6, 2014)

Motion: To table the minutes

Made by: Mr. Boyer **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

4. Public Hearing: Discontinue Town Highway #81 as a Class 4 Town Highway? (continued from 10/6/2014)

Mr. Arrison stated that TH #81 is a segment of Gravelin Road that was the result of an alteration of Gravelin Road that occurred some time prior to 1960. TH#81 goes through someone's driveway, several front yards, over top of a septic system, and through a garage.

None of the abutting landowners were present at this meeting, however their testimony was taken at the last meeting. Mr. Arrison called for further testimony or comments. None was offered. Mr. Arrison closed the hearing. Mr. Arrison called for a motion.

Motion: To accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (with correction of the abutters' list) and discontinue TH #81.

Made by: Mr. Boyer **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

5. Update from 1879 Perkinsville School House Committee

(Dave Fuller joined the meeting.)

The 1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse Committee gave a presentation on the current state of the building and what they feel needs to be done to be able to occupy it once again. The presentation included the following points:

- The Weathersfield Food Shelf would like to occupy the south classroom, the Weathersfield Proctor Library would like to occupy the north classroom, and the Parks & Recreation committee would be able to use the ell for storage of equipment.
- According to the Fire safety and Electrical inspection reports, code violations, which include the heating system, repairs to the access ramp, removal of the buckle in the floor, and some minor electrical work on the first floor, must be completed before the building can be re-occupied.
- The Committee estimated that it would cost approximately \$6,000 (with volunteer labor) to complete the work.
- The Committee has raised \$3100 toward that estimate - \$1100 from a yard sale and a \$2000 donation from the Weathersfield Food Shelf.
- The abatement of the mold in the basement was not included in this estimate.
- The Town has paid over \$3000 in rent for the Food Shelf to operate elsewhere while it awaits a permanent location in the school.

There was much discussion about the cost of the repairs, the choice of heating system, how the projects would be overseen, and abatement of the mold.

Motion: To authorize the Town Manager to address the mold situation in the 1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Boyer **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

Motion: To authorize the Town Manager to spend up to \$12,000 for repairs at the 1879 schoolhouse.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous

6. Meet with Budget Committee to set tentative Budget Goals for FY16 budget year

- a. Budget goals for FY16: the discussion revolved around level funding vs. a level tax rate vs. a set cap on the budget. There was no clear consensus reached between the Board and the budget committee as to what the budget committee's goals should be.
- b. Ideas for use of Fund Balances
- c. Review first draft of FY16 Capital Replacement Plan and Long Term Debt Schedule
- d. Establish Reserve Fund for paving and guard rails?

Julia Lloyd Wright asked for an article to be placed on the next Town Meeting ballot for one/two cents on the tax rate to fund a town solar array.

7. Approve Employer Premium Contributions for calendar year 2015 Medical Insurance

Motion: That the Employer contribution towards Health Insurance premiums for Calendar year 2015 be set at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont Platinum Standard Plan: single (\$624.18), two person (\$1248.36), employee and child/ren (\$1204.67), family (\$1753.95).

Made by: Mr. Boyer **Second:** Mr. Fuller **Vote:** Fuller, Arrison, Boyer – aye; Cole – abstain. Motion carries.

8. Award bid for guard rail work

No bids were received by the noon deadline today. The Town Manager and Wes Hazeltine recommend that the work be re-bid with the requirement that the Tarbell Hill Road work be done by November 26, 2014 and the remaining work be done this fall or next spring.

Motion: To release a revised Request for Bids for Guard Rail Installation work with bids due by noon on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Boyer **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

9. Project updates:

- a. Maple Street Reconstruction Project: Public Informational Meeting, Wed., 10/22/14
The meeting will be held at the Town Office. The plans and engineer will be available for review and questions.
- b. Thrasher Road Culvert #3
The culvert portion of the project is done. The guard rail remains to be done. Delays in installing the guard rail will not affect grant reimbursement.
- c. Project for trail access to Town Forest
Mr. Mullen has submitted information to someone at the Soil Conservation Service in Charlestown, NH. This person is an expert in designing trails that will cross wetlands and support bicycles and horses. Mr. Mullen is meeting with Willis Wood and Dan Boyer at the site tomorrow to view the situation on the ground.
- d. Testing of well adjacent to Town Highway Garage
Wayne Belliveau’s well has been tested for salt at various levels and examined with a TV camera to see where water is entering the well. The official results of the test will determine the next course of action.

10. Appointments

There were no appointments.

11. Approve Warrants:

Motion: To approve the town warrants for the meeting of October 20, 2014 as follows:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$65,739.78
	Payroll	\$18,356.43
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$40,139.60
	Payroll	\$13,670.12

Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$6,495.28
	Payroll	\$1,699.33
Library	Operating Expenses	\$36.35
Grants		\$623.75
Agency Monies		\$74.28
Reserves		\$525.00

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Boyer **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

12. Future Agenda Items

The meeting on November 3 will be at Martin Memorial Hall.

13. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Boyer **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,
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WEATHERSFIELD SELECTBOARD

N. John Arrison, Chairperson

Daniel E. Boyer, Vice-Chairperson

David T. Fuller, Selector

C. Peter Cole, Selector

Richard N. Clattenburg, Selector