

**Weathersfield Select Board**  
Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2014  
(Revised 7/24/2014)  
Approved August 4, 2014

**Present:** N. John Arrison  
David Fuller  
C. Peter Cole  
**Richard Clattenburg**

**Absent:** Daniel Boyer

**Others Present:** Jim Mullen  
Bonnie DuPrey  
Wanda Gropler  
Charles Horton  
Francis Bingham  
David Moore  
Steve Shama  
Leonard LeBrun  
Wes Hazeltine  
Edith Stillson

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Arrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Select Board: Chairman Arrison said that on Friday, July 25, the Friends of the Meetinghouse is having a screening of the "The Navigator" a documentary co-filmed by Weathersfield resident, Eric Taylor. This will be a fundraiser to help pay for reconstruction of the Meetinghouse steps.

Citizens: David Moore asked that the use of the Crown Point Road where it crosses his property be limited until its exact location is determined.

**3. Review Minutes from previous meetings (July 7, 2014)**

**Motion:** to accept the minutes of July 7, 2014 as presented.

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

**4. Weathersfield Board of Health**

**a. Public Hearing: Health Order regarding property of Becky Erskine, 690 Tenney Hill Road**

Chairman Arrison convened the Board of Health public hearing. Mr. Arrison stated that some progress had been made as of today. He recommended that the Board table the issue until their next meeting to allow more progress.

**Motion:** To continue the hearing to the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**5. Asa Grout Lane**

**a. Add Asa Grout Lane to Certificate of Highway Mileage as a Class 4 Town Highway**

**Motion:** To add 1,260± ft of Asa Grout Lane, starting at Perkins Hill Road, as a Class 4 Highway to the 2015 Certificate of Highway Mileage.

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

The width of the right-of-way is presumed to be 3 rods, as the original survey does not specify its width.

**b. Set Public Hearing Date (suggest 9/15/2014) to reclassify Asa Grout Lane as a Class 3 Town Highway**

**Motion:** To initiate proceedings to reclassify Asa Grout Lane from a Class 4 Town Highway to a Class Town 3 Town Highway, to include a public hearing to be held on September 2, 2014 at the Weathersfield Highway Garage, subject to the condition that the lane be brought up to a Class 3 Specifications by the landowners along the road at their cost.

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

The Select Board will meet at Asa Grout Lane at 6:30 PM on September 2, 2014 to view the road prior to the hearing.

**6. Set public hearing dates for amendment to both the Economic Development and the Utilities & Facilities chapters of the Town Plan (suggest 8/18/14 and 9/15/14)**

**Motion:** To set public hearings for amendments to the Town Plan for August 19 and September 15, 2014.

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

(August 18 is the night of the informational meeting for the library bond vote.)

**7. Approve three-year Renewal of Agreement with Golden Cross Ambulance**

**Motion:** To extend the existing Agreement between Golden Cross Ambulance, Inc. and the Town for a period of three years, beginning July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2016, at an annual fee of \$22,304.

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

**8. Approve release of Request for Bids for Crushed Gravel**

**Motion:** to approve the request for bids for crushed gravel for approximately \$50,000 noting the appropriate paperwork and bids are due on August 4, to include prices for delivered and not delivered options

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

**9. Approve Purchase and Sale Agreement with Emily Abbott for parcel and easement to allow trailhead and access to Town Forest**

Consensus of the Board was to move this item to the end of the meeting and to discuss it in executive session.

**10. Review progress on achieving 2014-2015 Select Board Goals**

Amending the Large Gathering Ordinance will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Items on the list but not “in the pipeline” include Rainy Day Reserve Fund, Social Service Funding Policy, and Review of the Purchasing Policy.

Mr. Arrison asked that the Fire Commission address the question of how much fire-fighting equipment does Weathersfield need and where should it be stationed. What is the most cost-effective fire protection?

Twelve items have been completed; most of the others are underway.

**11. Project Updates**

- **Airport Road reconstruction Project** – It has been discovered that Airport Road extends to the intersection with Kendricks Corner Road and N. Runway Road, then turns and continues across the town line into Springfield and ending at the airport parking lot. That extended portion is fairly deteriorated. The original project was to repair the road from Route 106 to the intersection. The Airport Authority in Springfield is willing to pay the 20% share for the project extension. The Town of Springfield has not decided whether it will contribute to the project or not. The Town has permission from VTrans to extend the project across the town line. We still do not have a signed grant agreement from VTrans, however.
- **Baltimore Road 0.6 mile Culvert Project** – essentially complete
- **Baltimore Road 0.85 mile Culvert Project** – the signed grant agreement has not been received. We are continuing with the design. The surveyors have staked out and drawn up the descriptions of the permanent and temporary easements. We are still awaiting a stream alteration permit. Work cannot be done in the stream after October 1 (without permits from the Army Corps of Engineers). The box culvert company is booked up until December.
- **Tarbell Hill Road Culvert #3** – We do not have the grant agreement yet. Everett Hammond is moving ahead with the design. The Highway Department will do the work.
- **Maple Street Project** – we need to schedule a meeting with adjacent landowners, probably by the end of August.

**12. Approve Changes to Grand List due to Errors and Omissions**

**Motion:** To (a) change the total real and homestead values of parcel #07-01-12.1 from \$112,500 to \$108,900 and to change the house site value from \$103,700 to \$100,100; and (b) remove the Land Use exemption of \$35,200 from parcel #04-01-50.

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

**13. Appointments**

**Motion:** To appoint Patricia Daniels as an alternate member of the Zoning Board.

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

**14. Approve Warrants:**

**Motion:** To accept the warrant as of July 21, 2014 as follows:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$39,897.44
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	Payroll	\$19,136.14
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$51,001.49
	Payroll	\$12,196.74
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$7,655.27
	Payroll	\$1,479.03
Library	Operating Expenses	\$35.55
Grants		\$0.00
Agency Monies		\$0.00
Reserves		\$459.06

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

**15. Future Meeting Agenda Items**

The next meeting will be on 8/4/2014 at Martin Memorial Hall.

**16. Executive Session**

**Motion:** To go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a real estate purchase option.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:40 PM.

**Motion:** to approve a proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement with Emily Abbot, subject to the following two conditions:

1. That Mrs. Abbott agrees that the two family dwelling and lot she owns at 206 Jason Smith Road shall not be sold for less than \$20,000, and
2. Mrs. Abbott agrees that the location of the trail easement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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

**17. Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*deForest Bearse*