

Weathersfield Select Board  
Minutes  
April 21, 2014

Present: Norman John Arrison  
Dan Boyer  
Dave Fuller

Others Present: Jim Mullen, Town Manager  
Lisa Slade, Recording Secretary  
Wanda Gropler  
Charles Horton  
Bonnie D. Duprey  
Julia Schmitz  
Alison Roth  
Julia Lloyd Wright  
Scott Duffy  
Roy Burton  
Ginger Wimberg  
Kelly Harriman  
Edith Stillson  
deForest Bearse  
Janet Gould  
Shirley Harlow  
Marie Terrsciano (sp)  
John Ribeiro  
Bette Jo Esty  
John Esty  
Wes Hazeltine  
Lynn Esty

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

2. Comments from Select Board and Citizens on topics not on agenda: Mr. Boyer thanked the Town highway crew for their work on the roads.

Mr. Arrison thanked Lisa Slade for being the Recording Secretary for the Select Board for the past several years, this is her last meeting.

Mrs. Lynn Esty asked why we weren't meeting down stairs since the Board encouraged public participation. Mr. Arrison apologized for not having it down stairs where there is more room.

3. Review Minutes from previous meeting(s): **Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes dated January 27, 2014. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

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**Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes dated March 17, 2014. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

**Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes dated April 7, 2014, Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. After one correction was discussed motion passed unanimously.**

4. Discuss how to proceed with Perkinsville School Reuse Project: Mr. Arrison said we need to discuss a plan for the school however, there is very little money in the budget at this time.

Mrs. Bette Jo Esty said a few people met at the school on an informal basis and Matt Kenniston said he thinks the building is sound. Mr. Harriman looked at the heating system and thinks maybe he can get some donations to help with the cost of repairing this. Mr. Duffy looked at the flooring. She said she feels people need to come together and clean out the inside (and outside) so they can really see what needs to be done - she said this could be done with minimal free labor.

Mr. Arrison asked Julia Lloyd Wright if the Rec Committee has been there. Ms. Lloyd Wright said they have not met regarding the old school.

Mr. Mullen said there is about \$4,000 in the budget at this time and electricity is running about \$60 a month. Mrs. Bette Jo Esty said she thinks another Committee should be formed and then the Select Board can assign direction and goals for them to work on.

Mr. Fuller said he believes there is a big range of opinions on what needs to be or should be done. He said we have professional opinions and feels they should be we may reviewed again especially on the mold. He also thinks the Board should have a site visit there to look at the old school and the property since the other building has been removed. Lastly, he said he thinks this will cost a lot of money, maybe not as much as originally thought but a lot.

Mrs. Bette Jo Esty said she has talked to the Fire Inspector and if there are less than fifty people in the building the requirements are not so strict.

Mr. Arrison asked Mr. Mullen to check on mitigation and removal of the mold.

Mrs. Wimberg said the Historical Society meets in three weeks and she is sure people will be interested in being on this Committee.

Mrs. Bearse said when she gathered information last she solicited quotes that came to \$18,000 and with volunteer help this may be able to be reduced. She said we may be eligible for grants and hopefully the Historical Society can help with that.

Mrs. Roth said the Village Trustees are interested in participating in this as well.

Mrs. Gould asked if there was money left from the demolition, Mr. Arrison said the Article for demolition was just for demolition and, there isn't any money left anyway.

Mr. Hazeltine said Mr. Fuller has a good point about the mold, that should be the first issue addressed. He said he will get the dehumidifier running again and put up the security system soon but we also need to do some ditching work to stop the water from running into the building.

Mrs. Slade asked if the Board was going to ask for letters of interest to serve on the Committee, Mr. Arrison asked Mrs. Bette Jo Esty to organize a Committee and report back to the Select Board.

5. Discuss Tenney Hill Road Property: Mr. Arrison said the town received this in 1999 and now are looking at whether they should retain it or sell it. He said the Town worked with the State and discussed logging the land but that fell through. Mr. Burton said he is a retired State Forrester and the State did log that land at one time. He said if the Town disposes of the property he hopes they retain a Right of Way for the State to have access. He said Timber Management should be done at 20 - 25 year intervals.

Mrs. Lynn Esty asked since it abuts Wilgus State Park why not ask the State if they want it. Mr. Boyer said they have been asked before and they do not want it.

Mr. Fuller said he is in favor of selling this property and using money from the sale to enhance other Town owned property. Mr. Arrison said he would like a full Board in attendance before making the vote, it will be discussed again on May 19th.

Mr. Ribeiro said it's not costing the Town anything at this time, he thinks the Town should keep it. Ms. Julia Lloyd Wright said there was talk at a recent Planning Board Commission about possibly putting a ball field down there.

6. Approve PACE Program documents: Mr. Fuller questioned some of the language that was in the documents suggested two proposals which would change the language. Mr. Mullen will take Mr. Fuller's proposed language changes back to Peter Adamczyk and this will be discussed again at the May 5th meeting.

7. Appoint four Citizen Members to Police Chief Candidate Review Committee: Mr. Arrison said he would like to have Mr. French and Mr. Bedson on the Committee as they have a lot of police knowledge. After discussion on who the other two members, **Mr. Boyer made the motion to appoint William Bedson, Anthony French, Darrin Spaulding and Christina Charest to the Police Chief Candidate Review Committee. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

8. Approve submittal of grant applications: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to submit a Better Backroads grant application for the Thrasher Road Culvert #3 project, to submit an application for a VTrans Class 2 Town Highway Road Program Grant for the Airport Road Reconstruction Project and to submit two applications for 2014 dry hydrant grants, Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Mr. Arrison said we need to closer attention to the dry hydrant process. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Review VTrans report of their 2013 Inspection of Town-owned bridges: Mr. Mullen said this is a federal finance program. Tarbell Hill Road needs a little rip rap and some boulders need to be cleaned up.

10. Adopt 2014 Basic Emergency Operations Plan: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to adopt the 2014 Basic Emergency Operations Plan, Mr. Boyer seconded the motion.** Mrs. Lynn Esty said this is on the Fire Commission agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Arrison said he is the Emergency Manager Director by default at this time. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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11. Recommend appointment of Charles Wise as Deputy Health Officer: **Mr. Boyer made the motion to appoint Charles Wise as Deputy Health Officer. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

12. Solicit letters of interest from candidates for positions of Forest Fire warden and deputy Forest Fire Warden: **Mr. Boyer made the motion to authorize the Town Manger to post notice of the vacancy in the position of the Forest Fire Warden and to solicit letters from those that would like to be appointed Deputy Fire Warden should Darrin be appointed the Fire Warden. Mr. Fuller said he thinks individuals should "move up the ladder". Mrs. Lynn Esty said this is on the Fire Commission agenda too. Motion passed unanimously.**

13. Review updated list of 2014 Select Board Goals: Mr. Arrison said the Board will review the list at the next meeting, there are some that are all but finished up.

14. Appointments: None

15. Approve Warrants: **Mr. Boyer made the motion to approve the Warrant Articles as follows:**

<b>General Funds Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,512.88</b>
<b>General Funds Payroll</b>	<b>\$20,433.77</b>
<b>Highway Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$39,556.18</b>
<b>Highway Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$14,134.47</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,241.39</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 1,527.57</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$ 41.88</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>

**Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

**Mr. Boyer made the motion to approve the annual financial plan for Town Highways for Fiscal Year 2015. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

16. Future Meeting Agenda Items: Haz Mat billing/collection & procedures with the Fire Department/Fire Commission, Select Board Goals and Tenney Hill. Mrs. Slade asked when the grounds maintenance bids would be released, it was scheduled for this meeting but didn't make the agenda. Mr. Mullen said the current contract goes for another year. Mrs. Slade said a two year contract was awarded therefore, it is up for bid this year. Mr. Mullen said he would check.



