

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

SELECT BOARD

Select Board  
Martin Memorial Hall  
5259 Route 5  
6:30 PM, APRIL 6, 2015

MINUTES  
APPROVED 4/20/2015

**Present:** N. John Arrison  
David Fuller (arrived at 6:42PM)  
C. Peter Cole  
Daniel Boyer  
Lynn Esty

Town Manager, Jim Mullen

**Others Present:**

Bonnie Duprey	Olivette May	John Esty	Colby Hodgdon
Wanda Gropler	Edward May	Bette Jo Esty	Michael Barrup
Charles Horton	Edith Stillson	Amy Beth Main	Ernest Shand
Neil Daniels	Westley Hazeltine	Kelly Murphy	Darrin Spaulding
Josh Dauphin	Mychael Spaulding		

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Arrison called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

No comments were received.

**3. Review Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of March 16, 2015 as presented.

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

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of March 30, 2015 with the words "at this time" added to the end of the last sentence in item #3.

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

**4. Decide on process for offering Tenney Hill land for sale**

**Motion:** To solicit proposals from three realtors for the sale of the Town's property on Tenney Hill Road.

**Made by:** Mr. Boyer      **Second:** Mrs. Esty

**Discussion on the motion:**

Neil Daniels urged the Board not to sell the Tenney Hill property on the grounds that it has an excellent source of water (200 gpm) under it with a protection area (formed by Wilgus State Park, the Interstate, Charlie Johnson's land, and the power line corridor) surrounding it. He said the Town acquired it by donation and the protection area is free.

The Board discussed various ways of protecting the water while honoring the vote taken at Town Meeting. The consensus was that the Board should hire a realtor and then discuss the options after that.

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**5. Weathersfield Hazardous Materials Response Ordinance**

**a. Second Reading: Amend Ordinance**

Discussion focused on the amendment proposed by Mr. Arrison in February - where it should go (in the ordinance or in the reimbursement section), or if it should be included at all. The Fire Commission has only briefly discussed the amendment and was not ready to make any recommendations.

**Motion:** To approve the second reading of the ordinance and move it to the third reading.

**Made by:** Mr. Cole    **Second:** Mr. Boyer    **Vote:** Esty, Arrison, Boyer, Cole - in favor. Fuller opposed. Motion carries

The Board continued to discuss the amendment with members of the fire departments, who asked for clarification of the amendment's intent and how it would be applied. The Board and Fire Commission agreed to hold a joint meeting on April 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Martin Hall to further discuss the matter.

**6. Update on Perkinsville School Reuse Project**

Bette Jo Esty announced the need for volunteers to help with the demolition of the interior of the "ell" portion of the 1879 schoolhouse in preparation of the mold remediation.

Mr. Mullen explained to the Board that he does not have the time to fully oversee the work at the Perkinsville school and suggested hiring Matt Keniston as project manager. Mr. Keniston would be hired for a maximum of 40 hours at \$50 per hour. The total cost would be \$2000 and would be paid out of the \$70,000 earmarked for restoration projects.

**Motion:** To approve the appointment of Matt Keniston for a Limited-term Appointment to assist with the Perkinsville Schoolhouse Rehabilitation Project.

**Made by:** Mr. Boyer    **Second:** Mrs. Esty    **Vote:** Esty, Arrison, Boyer, Cole – in favor. Fuller – opposed. Motion carries.

**7. Report on Award of Bids for Town Highway 10-Wheeler Chassis and Body/Plow**

Mr. Mullen reported that the chassis, plow and truck body have been ordered. The total cost is \$180,801, which is well under the \$199,000 limit set by the voters. Mr. Hazeltine said the truck should be ready for service by mid-summer.

**8. Begin planning for Amsden School Road Reconstruction?**

Mr. Mullen asked the Board if they wished to begin the planning process for reconstruction of Amsden Schoolhouse Road as one of their 2015 goals. He explained that the project would be lengthy due to the many challenges along the road (proximity to Branch Brook, flood hazard area, wetlands, etc.) He also asked the Board to consider

reclassifying the road as a Class 2 to gain access to Class 2 paving grant money. (The road is currently a Class 3 road.)

The Board was reluctant to spend the money on an engineering study because they do not have an inventory of road improvement needs that could indicate the relative urgency of this project. They were also reluctant to reclassify the road for fear of losing the ability to set weight limits. The Board asked Mr. Mullen to provide them with a list of road projects they could rank and agreed to have Mr. Hazeltine do some borings to gather more information about what lies beneath the pavement.

**9. Approve 2015 Contract for Law Enforcement Services/North Springfield Lake/US Army Corps of Engineers**

It was noted that the contract is for \$2,120 less than what has been budgeted for FY 16.

**Motion:** To approve the revised proposed contract to provide policing services in calendar year 2015 to the Army Corps of Engineers for North Springfield Lake as dated 4/6/2015.

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

**10. Update on well at Highway Garage**

Test results have been received on the new well at the highway garage. The salt level is acceptable, but the water is high in radon. Mr. Mullen explained that the radon is easily removed by a “venting cistern” that will be installed at the Belliveau house.

**11. Approve FY 16 Annual Financial Plan – Town Highways**

**Motion:** To approve the annual financial plan for town highways.

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

**12. Update on Weathersfield Energy Group’s participation in Vital Communities Round Three of the Solarize Upper Valley Program**

The Board received a brief update on the project from Julia Lloyd Wright, the Town’s Energy Coordinator.

**13. Request for Large Gathering Permit/Chantelle Perry & Josh Neily**

**Motion:** To approve a large gathering permit for Chantell Perry and Josh Neily for August 22, 2015 and to waive the fees.

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

**14. Review and approve possible Select Board Goals for 2015-2016**

The Board reviewed the list of goals for 2015-2016 (dated April 1, 2015). They agreed to revise #8 under *Administration* to read, *Receive quarterly reports from selected departments and appointed representatives.*

**15. Project Updates: Maple Street, Access to Town Forest, Tarbell Hill Road Lower Reach, Airport Road**

**a. Maple Street**

ROW and easement information and work have been sent to VTrans. The Federal Highway Administration has agreed to accept \$25,000 in “in-kind” work for the

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project, mainly from the Town's replacement of four culverts. Work may begin this fall.

**b. Access to Town Forest**

The wetlands permit application has been submitted. We are waiting for the permit.

**c. Tarbell Hill Road Lower Reach**

We did not get the grant funds for the engineering study, mainly because the state had difficulty getting the program up and running. Mr. Mullen felt that the program will get going eventually.

**d. Airport Road**

Construction timeline for the project is May 18 – June 19, 2015.

**16. Year-to-date review of FY 15 Budgets**

The Board reviewed and discussed the year-to-date report.

**17. Quarterly Report: Health Officer**

Mr. Mullen and Mr. Wise submitted a joint *Health Officer's Report* of activities during the period January – March 2015.

**18. Approve 2015 Local Emergency Operations Plan**

Motion: To approve the *2015 Local Emergency Operations Plan*

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

**19. Appointments**

**Motion:** To appoint Amy Beth Main and George Lamb to the Budget Committee

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

**Motion:** To appoint Janet Bristol, Edith Stillson, and Marilyn Houghton to the Martin Memorial Hall Trustees

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

**Motion:** To appoint Susan Boyer and Carol Orth to the Parks and Recreation Commission

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

**Motion:** To appoint Howard Papineau to the Fire Commission

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

**Motion:** To appoint Carl Wyman to the Weathersfield Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

**20. Approve Warrants**

**Motion:** To approve the warrants dated April 6, 2015 as follow:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$41,845.30
	Payroll	\$24,861.82
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$25,918.08
	Payroll	\$19,044.34

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Solid Waste Management Fund

Operating Expenses \$2,828.46

Payroll \$2,234.48

Library Operating Expenses \$75.24

Grants Operating Expenses \$2800.00

Agency Monies Operating Expenses \$0.00

Reserves \$7,618.94

**Made by:** Mr. Fuller      **Second:** Mr. Boyer      **Vote:** Fuller, Arrison, Boyer, Cole – in favor. Esty – abstain. Motion carries.

**21. Future Meeting Agenda Items**

**22. Adjourn**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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