

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

SELECT BOARD

Select Board  
Martin Memorial Hall  
5259 Route 5  
6:30 PM, APRIL 20, 2015

MINUTES  
APPROVED 5/4/2015

**Present:** N. John Arrison  
David Fuller (arrived at 6:50PM)  
Daniel Boyer  
Lynn Esty

Town Manager, Jim Mullen

**Others Present:**

Olivette May	Kelly Murphy
Edward May	Westley Hazeltine
Edith Stillson	Charles Horton

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Arrison called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

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

Mr. May said he objected to Matt Keniston being paid to oversee the Perkinsville School projects and asked the Board to rescind the vote authorizing it. Mr. Mullen explained his reasoning for requesting the paid position. The Board members discussed it, but took no action to change the decision.

Mrs. May complained that the transfer station “is a dump”, mainly because the recycling containers have been full to overflowing. Mr. Hazeltine said this situation had only happened once before last winter when the haul trucks had broken down – that usually the bins are changed out frequently enough to prevent overflow. He said it would be difficult for the hauler to come three times a week. He added that the station attendants direct users to the sheds when the bins are full.

Mrs. Murphy asked whether the Board was planning to vote on item #8 (HazMat Ordinance) this evening. Consensus of the Board was that they would hold off on voting on it until after the special meeting with the Fire Commission on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Review Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of April 6, 2015 with the start time changed to 6:30 PM.

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

**4. Preventative Maintenance of paved town highways: chip sealing or shim/overlay?  
Everett Hammond**

Mr. Hammond gave a presentation on the cost effectiveness of chip sealing as a means of prolonging the lifespan of paved roads. Mr. Hammond answered the Board's questions and showed examples of roads in Springfield and Charlestown (NH) that have been successfully chip sealed. He recommended shimming and chip sealing Amsden School Road as a means of extending its life until the Town has accumulated sufficient funds for a complete reconstruction. Mr. Mullen showed recent photos of Amsden School Road highlighting its problems and condition.

**5. Review list of roads that need reconstruction or rehabilitation**

The Board reviewed the list compiled by the Regional Planning Commission in 2014. There are five roads on the list of roads that need reconstruction and rehabilitation, two of which are already underway (Maple Street and Airport Road). Mr. Hammond recommended having them both chip sealed right after they are completed. Mr. Mullen said the next class 2 paving grant opportunity will come in 2019.

**6. Tenney Hill Road land for sale/ Select Realtor**

The Board received proposals from Muse & Associates and Town & Country Realtors.

**Motion:** To award the listing to Muse & Associates in accordance with the terms described in the email addressed to the Town Manager dated April 16, 2015.

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

**7. Review draft update of Town Manager job description**

Mr. Mullen has made some changes to the description. The Board agreed to discuss the description again after their meeting with VLCT representative, Abigail Freeman.

**8. Weathersfield Hazardous Materials Response Ordinance**

**a. Third Reading: Amend Ordinance.**

**Motion:** To table this discussion until the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**9. Project Updates**

**a. Maple Street**

Mr. Mullen and Mr. Hazeltine will be acquiring the nine easements that are needed for the project.

**b. Access to Town Forest**

The agency of natural resources is requesting additional information for the wetlands permit application.

**c. Perkinsville Schoolhouse**

The floor and interior walls of the ell were removed by volunteers last weekend in preparation for the asbestos removal and mold remediation. Curtain drains will have to be installed on the north and west sides of the building to prevent water from draining into the basement. This will have to be completed before the mold remediation can move forward. Asplundh tree service donated the removal of the trees on the north side of the building to facilitate installation of the drainage. State permits will be required before the interior of the ell can be rebuilt. Volunteers are working on the floor plan and design.

**10. Decide how to distribute Transfer Station Redemption Program Funds**

\$3100 has accumulated in this program fund. The Board discussed various ideas for dispersing the funds fairly between Weathersfield, Reading, and West Windsor. It was agreed to continue discussing it at the next meeting.

**11. Policy on Conduct of Meetings and Hearings/Change Select Board Meeting Start Time?**

**Motion:** To change the start time of the Select Board meetings to 7:00 PM.

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

The Board discussed removing the cut-off time for meetings (9:00 PM), but decided not to change it for now.

**12. Invitation to VELCO meeting/15-mile rebuild of transmission lines**

VELCO is hosting a public meeting on April 22, 2015 at 6PM at the Town Office to present and hear comments on the 15-mile rebuild of their transmission lines in Weathersfield and Cavendish.

**13. Appointments**

**Motion:** To appoint George Ainley to the Conservation Commission.

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

**Motion:** To appoint Bill Brink to the Parks and Recreation Commission

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

**Motion:** To appoint Chelsea Chase, Willis Wood, Kevin Christie, and Betty Brooks to the Zoning Board

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

**14. Approve Warrants**

**Motion:** To approve the warrants dated April 20, 2015 as follow:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$24,2581.23
	Payroll	\$17,178.56
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$28,411.28
	Payroll	\$14,359.09
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$8306.70
	Payroll	\$1770.97
Library	Operating Expenses	\$0.00
Grants	Operating Expenses	\$1,362.50
Agency Monies	Operating Expenses	\$0.00

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

**15.Future Meeting Agenda Items**

**16.Executive Session/Proposed Contract/Well hook up at Town Highway Garage**

**Motion:** To enter executive session to discuss a proposed contract.

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

**17.Adjourn**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*deForest Bearse*

**WEATHERSFIELD SELECTBOARD**

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N. John Arrison, Chairperson

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Daniel E. Boyer, Vice-Chairperson

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David T. Fuller, Selector

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C. Peter Cole, Selector

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Lynn Esty, Selector