

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

February 4, 2013

SB Members Present: Seth Gardner (Chair), Steve Sparrow, Carl Etnier, Casey Northrup, Kim Swasey

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town/Zoning Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Bob Smith, Alice Smith, Dave Coburn, Paulie Coburn, Mike Bald, Ty Rolland

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Additions to the Agenda: Liquor license for Plainfield Hardware

Public Comment: None

Road Foreman Report

Postponed to a later meeting

Other Business

Town Administrator Report

- The town received the draft Phase II ESA report for the Washington Electric Cooperative's garage property that is the site of the proposed park 'n ride facility. Test findings show that no additional sampling is recommended. Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has final approval of the plan. They won't recommend corrective action but will let the town know what the next steps are.
- SB members reviewed a draft copy of the town's 2012 Annual Report.
- SB members reviewed a current budget status report provided by Town Treasurer Don Welch. The town is operating within budget so far this year.

Addition to Agenda: Liquor Licenses

Riverbend Store license has been surrendered. Plainfield Hardware has requested a renewal.

Motion: I move to sign the liquor license renewal form for Plainfield Hardware. Made: Northrup, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Financial Report

The town is in pretty good shape so far this year.

Revolving Loan Fund Advisory Committee Recommendation

The committee recommends that the funds currently on hand be made available to the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI). EMSLI estimates they need about \$20,000-\$25,000 for Act 250, septic and wastewater permits. The revolving loan fund has about \$20,000 currently. Sandy Pines pays \$1319 monthly into the fund through 2022 then a large balloon payment. Dave Coburn suggested a loan with a deferred payment schedule, possibly 5 years. Bruce Johnson, Bruce Bjornlund and Ross Hazel can work together to draft up an agreement. The committee will meet again to discuss what to do with future money. The SB is comfortable with moving forward on a draft agreement.

Village Cemetery Hogweed Remediation Plan

Mike Bald gave a presentation on his progress on the hogweed in the village cemetery. The hogweed has not gotten to the Winooski River; it stops about 50 feet from the river. Mike has pulled the hogweed as well as other invasive species. After pulling the plants from the shady areas, he added topsoil and planted some native trees and plants. He recommends moving forward; residents, students and Boy Scouts can help with the non-dangerous species. The SB is happy with Mike's work and would like him to continue.

Discussion of Potential Town Projects in Village

There was a meeting on 1/24 between VTrans, Frank Pratt, Seth Gardner, Bruce Johnson and Steve Sparrow regarding a change to the intersection of Routes 2 and 14. VTrans would like the town to come up with a list of the changes desired. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission has offered to do a traffic study where 10-15 scenarios will be looked at. The SB should develop a plan for a road through Hull's property if they want to encourage development in this part of town. It was noted that dense development in the village is in the current Town Plan.

Discussion of Fireworks Permitting Concerns

Ty Rolland, EMFD chief, noted the importance of educating the public that permits are one-time use and non-transferrable.

Discussion of Town Meeting/Town Forum Presentations

- Farm Contracts – the Chair will talk to Austin Cleaves

- Changes to town government structure – set up committee to look at charter; sign people up for the committee. TA will draft a summary for discussion at Town Meeting.
- Fireworks Ordinance – Carl Etnier will take the lead

Access Permits

Request for access permit for the Blackwell subdivision on Center Road

Motion: I move approve the Colin Blackwell access permit #13-003. Made: Northrup, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Warrants

Signed

Review of Minutes

January 28, 2013

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended. Made: Sparrow, second: Swasey

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Other Business

There will be an EMSLI discussion at the DRB meeting on 2/5/13.

Motion: To adjourn. Made: Etnier, second: Northrup. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary

Approved: February 18, 2013 East Montpelier Selectboard meeting