

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

APPROVED 2/20/12

February 6, 2012

SB Members Present: Bruce Johnson (Chair), Peter Hill, Seth Gardner, Carl Etnier, Casey Northrup

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Bob Smith, Alice Smith, Mike Bald, Elliott Morse, Allen Ploof, Steve Sparrow

Call to Order: 6:32pm

Additions to the Agenda: Conservation Fund CD Decision

Public Comment: None

Eradication of Hogweed

Mike Bald of Royalton gave a presentation on invasive weeds in East Montpelier. His specialty is non-chemical weed control. To control the problem area, he suggests: 1) walking the site, 2) prevent new seeds, cut mature plants and pull seedlings, and 3) repeat the process yearly over 5 years. The SB needs to decide whether to eradicate or just pushback. Mr. Bald could do a walk-through in late May. He will create a report containing the current condition, the desired condition and a proposal.

Road Foreman Report

Report postponed until the 2/20 meeting. U-32 has requested use of the town sand and wondered what the town would charge. The SB agreed that at one load at a time, \$20 per yard was reasonable. Regarding weight restrictions, there is only a restriction on Coburn Road because of the bridge; the Road Foreman recommends only the regular mud season signs. The SB received a letter from David Couch on Cummings Road regarding skiers parking on the side of the road; the SB will respond once the Road Foreman does some research.

2012 Certificate of Highway Mileage

Changes noted: Sodom Pond, Boulder Ridge, Church Street, addition to Kelton Road, include general changes to Rte. 2/14 intersection. The SB approved and signed the necessary paperwork.

Motion: I move to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage for the year ending February 10, 2012. Made: Gardner, second: Northrup

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

GMP Streetlight Conversion Agreement

Two of the lights on Fair Road are private, though the town has been paying for these lights for the past few years; GMP is crediting the town's bill. GMP is switching the Fair Road lights to LEDs. The SB finally agrees with GMP's light count.

Motion: I move to authorize the Chair to sign the GMP Streetlight System Conversion Agreement. Made: Gardner, second: Hill

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application

Benefit cost analysis cannot be completed for Quaker Road because the town is required to document damage in 3 separate years and there is only 1 year of damage. The town can include Quaker Road in the 2012 VTrans structures grant program.

Motion: I move to authorize the Chair to sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application. Made: Hill, second: Etnier

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Selectboard Work Session for Town Meeting and Forum

Numbers/research needed:

- Farm contracts – 12 total, 6 are up this year; no oversight; town can choose to not renew contracts as they come up
- Current use – hypothetical example of the benefit to landowner in state current use versus town farm contract
- EMFD budget issues – never has been voted as a separate warned article; contract expires 9/2013
- Paving Plan – three-year plan; bike lanes may be an issue
- Budget explanation – PC getting stipend; paving on separate line; highway budget increase
- Public infrastructure disinvestment – amount spent on Coburn Rd over the last 15 years
- 'Welcome to EM' signs – Village Committee will bring conceptions; cost is \$2000 for 4 signs

- Park N Ride – may have more concrete information
- Purchase of equipment – excavator

Excess Weight Permits

Motion: I move to approve the Excess Weight Permit for Agri-Mark, Inc. dba Cabot Creamery. Made: Northrup, second: Gardner

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Review of Minutes

January 16, 2012

Motion: I move to approve as amended. Made: Hill, second: Northrup

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

January 30, 2012

Motion: I move to approve as presented. Made: Northrup, second: Etnier

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Other Business/Town Administrator Report

Sanfacon – Notice of Violation appeal to DRB at 2/7 meeting

Roads Policy Committee Agenda – revised agenda for 2/9 meeting

Village Committee Sidewalk Study – meeting on 3/8 to see options and choose favorites

Vermont River Conservancy – Town attorney received a re-worded deed, he will let the SB know how it looks

Park N Ride – Stantec was hired to do the design; kick-off meeting in March after Town Meeting

Land Conservation Fund CD

CD matures 2/21/12.

Motion: I move to roll over the Loan Conservation Fund CD for another 5 months. Made: Gardner, second: Northrup

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Warrants

Signed

Motion: I move to authorize Seth Gardner to sign off on the tax refund warrants next week. Made: Etnier, second: Northrup

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Next meeting is February 20 at 6:30pm.

Motion: To adjourn. Made: Etnier, second: Hill

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary