

# Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

*APPROVED 6/17/13*

June 3, 2013

## **Public Hearing**

SB Members Present: Seth Gardner (Chair), Casey Northrup, Kim Swasey

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Jean Vissering, Alison Hall, Paul Erlbaum, Jack Pauly, Mike Garand

## **Call to Order:** 6:35pm

The SB reviewed all changes to the draft Town Plan. Mr. Erlbaum noted that the Community Groundwater Study Committee was happy with the section in the Town Plan that deals with groundwater. They feel the action item that proposes to amend the town zoning regulations gives the town more control over groundwater. Ms. Vissering asked what the next steps would be. The TA noted that the SB could approve the draft at this meeting and the CVRPC has the review of the draft plan on their 7/9 agenda. Ms. Vissering stated that the PC has pulled out the PC action items listed in the Town Plan and started prioritizing them.

The Chair closed the hearing at 7:08pm.

## **Regular SB Meeting**

SB Members Present: Seth Gardner (Chair), Casey Northrup, Kim Swasey

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Paul Erlbaum, Mike Garand

## **Call to Order:** 7:10pm

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:** None

## **Road Foreman (RF) Report**

- Paving
  - 1 mile on County Road with shoulders = \$147,450; reclaim and re-paving same mile = \$217,000
  - Quaker Road – shim & overlay = \$145,580; reclaim and re-paving with shoulders = \$232,000
  - Future paving – 1.8 miles on County Road to Montpelier line – shim & overlay = \$265,410
  - Gallison Hill has a good base and should probably last another year
  - RF would like to pave by September
  - There is a new plant, NE Materials in Graniteville – the RF would like go out for a re-bid
  - SB is interested in the competitive process for paving projects on County and Quaker Hill Roads
  - Estimate for bike lanes - \$79,000 per mile with no added infrastructure; up to \$300,000 per mile for new culverts, etc.
- Mallory Brook – town was awarded VTrans grant money for a large structure and the town has 2 years to complete the repairs. The RF would like to close the road after school ends to make the repair easier and less expensive. The current bid is \$202,000 and the town would pay \$28,000. The SB agrees to do the project this summer. The RF will contact Tom Anderson at the state and the contractor, DuBois Construction.
- 6/2 storm – all roads are back open, Coburn Road was hit the worst
- Cherry Tree Hill – there is a drainage problem caused by a berm along one landowner’s property; the RF will contact the landowners and let them know what the options are: remove the berm or have the town install a ditch along the road.
- Craig Seadeek injury – Craig cut his fingers, required 4 stitches and has a broken pinkie; he came back to work too quickly and will be out 3 more days.
- Signs to be installed:
  - No Outlet (2) – Old Trail Road
  - No Motorized Vehicles – at gate on Old Trail Road
  - Entrance/Exit – Recreation Field
  - Trail rules sign – Legal trail #4
- Village bridge design – the plan includes solid, inlaid railings, essentially decorated “jersey barriers”; the SB agreed to send a letter to Mark Sargent requesting lights and outlets

## **Discussion of Draft Town Plan & Hearing Results**

**Motion:** I move to adopt the Town Plan as presented. Made: Ms. Swasey, second: Mr. Northrup

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 3-0

**EMFD Cost Allocation Agreement with Calais**

The Calais SB agreed with the one-third/two-thirds allocation between the towns. This covers fire and ambulance services.

**Motion: I move to authorize the Chair to sign the East Montpelier Fire Department Cost Allocation Agreement Between the Towns of Calais and East Montpelier.** Made: Mr. Northrup, second: Ms. Swasey

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 3-0

**Consideration of NEMRC Payroll Services Contract**

**Motion: I move to renew the NEMRC payroll system for another fiscal year.** Made: Ms. Swasey, second: Mr. Northrup

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 3-0

**Carleton C. Smith Recreation Fund CD Renewal**

**Motion: I move to authorize the Town Treasurer to renew the CD on such terms as he, in his best judgment, deems appropriate.** Made: Ms. Swasey, second: Mr. Northrup

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 3-0

**Discussion of Financial Audit Contract Process**

The SB agreed research some other audit firms in the area.

**Creation of East Montpelier Village Committee**

The charge to the committee will be: To serve as a focal point for the town's efforts to revitalize the East Montpelier Village area and to provide the SB with the guidance necessary to ensure success of this endeavor.

**Motion: I move to create the East Montpelier Village Committee.** Made: Mr. Northrup, second: Ms. Swasey

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 3-0

**Motion: I move to appoint the following people to the East Montpelier Village Committee: Bob Smith, Alice Smith, Bob Morey, Frank Pratt, Jean Vissering, Michele McFadden and Casey Northrup.** Made: Ms. Swasey, second: Mr. Northrup

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 3-0

**Excess Weight Permits**

**Motion: I move to authorize the Town Administrator to sign Excess Weight Permits for: Black Rock Coal, Inc., RE Vize Mobile Home Transport, Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District and Bellavance Trucking.** Made:

Mr. Northrup, second: Ms. Swasey

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 3-0

**Access Permits** - Tabled to the next meeting.

**Warrants**

Signed

**Review of Minutes**

May 20, 2013

**Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended.** Made: Mr. Northrup, second: Ms. Swasey

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 3-0

**Other Business**

Mr. Northrup noted that there are many people in town who are unhappy with the EMES renovations, particularly as the budget is 20% higher than expected. These townspeople are signing a petition to stop the renovation process.

**Town Administrator Report**

- Use of EMES
  - Rally Day – we are in danger of not having a Rally Day this year; the front of EMES will be inaccessible and there is waning interest on the Rally Day Committee
  - Town Meeting – we can possibly use U-32; the SB discussed using the EMFD for the Town Forum; this issue will be re-visited in July
- CVSWMD – the town received the grant for a bulk trash day
- Ibeys tax sale – winning bid of \$117,500, the town received the back taxes owed
- Representatives from the CVRPC and CVEDC are coming to the 6/17 meeting, as requested

**Zoning Administrator Report**

4 new permits since last meeting

The DRB met on 6/4; they reviewed a proposed storage facility by U-32 and held a joint meeting with the PC.  
The Sanfacon site visit showed some progress.

**Personnel Matter**

A personnel matter was discussed and no action was taken.

**Motion to adjourn.** Made by Mr. Northrup; seconded by Ms. Swasey. Passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary*