

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

APPROVED 8/6/12

July 16, 2012

SB Members Present: Bruce Johnson (Chair), Casey Northrup, Steve Sparrow, Carl Etnier, Seth Gardner (7pm)

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Dina Bookmyer-Baker (Zoning Administrator), Don Welch, Julie Potter, Dan Currier, Sue Sinclair, Elliott Morse, Sandy Conti, Paul Haynes

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Additions to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

ZA Report

The ZA gave an update of the violations in town.

-Carpet Barn has too many signs and the signs are too big, with banners strung up on both sides of Route 2. They are continuing to sell motor vehicles without a permit. A permit had been applied for but the fee was never paid. A notice of violation was issued in June 2011 for the motor vehicles and the sign issues and it was not appealed. The Carpet Barn needs a change of use permit for the motor vehicle sales.

-Liff appears to have a salvage yard. The ZA has done a site visit, took pictures and gave Mr. Liff parts of the zoning regulations that apply to salvage yards. He has 47 vehicles on the property and hasn't removed the batteries and fluids. He would be willing to work with the town on a reasonable timeframe. The SB agrees to have the ZA send an informational letter to Mr. Liff.

-Carriveau is selling cars at his property on County Road. The DMV has issued tickets as the cars are not registered. The ZA will follow up.

-Swenson is rectifying the yurt situation on Fair Road. There will be no notice of violation unless he doesn't cooperate.

Road Erosion Study

Dan Currier of CVRPC came to explain the Class 3 and 4 road erosion project being conducted by the CVRPC. They are looking at the areas around the North Branch and Kingsbury Branch and prioritizing within watersheds. The CVRPC will catalog the amount of erosion into surface waters and come up with solutions. They are looking for high amount of run-off and sediment. Currier noted that this project will help the town by helping with the application to the Better Backroads Program and applying for implementation project grant money.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Sue Sinclair, the Executive Director of CVRPC, came to the SB to talk about what the CVRPC does. CVRPC was created in 1967 and has 23 municipalities as members. What the CVRPC helps with:

- Statutory party in Act 250 reviews
- Technical assistance: develop and review plans, bylaws and zoning regulations
- Regional plan every 5 years: last one was completed in 2008
- Hazard mitigation plans: towns that have plans can apply for federal funds
- Brownfields: environmental contamination
- Transportation planning: CVRPC is pushing the Park N Ride
- Energy: energy audit of 2 municipal buildings; help towns start Energy Committee
- Intergovernmental planning & coordination: Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, one rep from each town in the district

Discussion with Constables and Animal Control Officers Re: Warrant to Impound Unlicensed Dogs

The County Road situation seems to be cleared up as there have been no complaints from the neighbors. The owner was given a citation for three dogs: one was registered, one is gone from the property and one should be registered soon. The SB would like the list of unlicensed dogs whittled down. Conti will confirm the procedure for getting an impounded pet out with the Humane Society; should be just showing proof of vaccination and registration. The SB wants the Animal Control Officers to send letters to citizens with unlicensed dogs and give them 30 days to get the dog licensed or face impoundment.

Tax Anticipation Line of Credit Application

The Treasurer brought the application for a \$360,000 line of credit and will only take from the LOC when needed. The town has about \$300,000 in the fund balance. The LOC must be paid back before 6/30/13. There was some discussion regarding delinquent taxes, creation of a contingency fund and banking locally.

Motion: I move to adopt the Resolution for Tax Anticipation Borrowing (LOC). Made: Gardner, second: Northrup

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Motion: I move to sign the Tax Anticipation Note which has a principal amount of \$360,000. Made: Gardner, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Motion: I move to sign the Non-Arbitrage Certificate for Tax Anticipation Borrowing. Made: Gardner, second: Etnier

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Warrants

Signed

Review of Minutes

July 2, 2012

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Other Business/Town Administrator Report

Liff Issue – Chair or ZA will contact John Brabant at the state

Quarterly EMFD Budget Meeting – 7/19 at 7pm at the ESF

PACE Flyer – document will be available at the Town Clerk's office

Clark PRD – DRB hearing on 8/7; not sure if application is complete yet

Personnel Policy – years of service for leave accumulation – SB decided to start the clock over from the most recent date of hire for employees who leave and come back.

Preliminary FY13 Tax Rate – more information at the next meeting

VTrans Faux Audit – EM passed

EMFD contracts – next meeting with Calais SB on 7/30 @ 7:30pm

Painting – Perfect Paint will start in August

Front steps – SB discussed purchasing 2" lumber, laying them in the steps and painting or staining

Mack Truck - \$30,593.72 payment on warrant, rest of paperwork will be done once check is ready

Park N Ride – VTrans meeting with WEC on 7/25, town not invited; SB will contact WEC board to reserve a spot on their agenda at the next meeting on 7/25; there was some discussion regarding inviting Tony Klein to the WEC board meeting

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary