

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

APPROVED 10/21/13

October 7, 2013

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

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Julie Potter, Tim Carver, Herb Hatch, Jean Vissering, Tony Klein

Call to Order: 6:34pm

Additions to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: Herb Hatch is the new pastor at Old Brick Church and he came to the SB to introduce himself.

Discussion on Upcoming CVRPC Board Vote on Amending Bylaws to Facilitate CVRPC/CVEDC Merger

The meeting for the vote is tomorrow, 10/8, and Tim Carver is looking for guidance on how he should vote. The smaller towns appear to be against the merger. The EM SB sees a conflict between planning and economic development. The two groups already work together anyway.

Motion: I move the Town of East Montpelier oppose the upcoming CVRPC Board vote on amending the bylaws to facilitate a CVRPC/CVEDC merger. Made: Mr. Etnier, second: Ms. Swasey

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Mr. Carver and Ms. Potter will update the SB after the CVRPC meeting.

Consideration of VTrans Relinquishment & Maintenance Agreement for the Transfer of Church Street (Old VT Rte 14) Property to the Town

The description of the relinquishment area needs to be clarified. Eight feet have already been turned over to the church, on the east side of the church towards the road. WEC owns a strip in front of their building. The town will control the parking lot and the grass strip to the road. The state owns the underlying land and the road. The town would like to see a plat to understand the relinquishment area.

Consideration of Preliminary Park N Ride Design

The SB reviewed the preliminary plan for the Park N Ride. Comments on the design are due next week. There is bicycle parking and motorcycle parking has been added (22 spaces, 2 handicap spaces and 8 motorcycle parking). The shelter is a 3-sided structure with a bench. Washington Electric has offered to add car-charging stations. The SB would like the state to consider adding solar panels. The SB will send a letter to several state agencies: AOT, BGS, Governor's office, DPS, Tony Klein, Senator Hartwell, House and Senate Transportation committees.

Discussion on Need for a Fire Pond near EMES

EM Fire Department (EMFD) has requested that the elementary school (EMES) build a fire pond on school property for the sprinkler system. The SB believes EMFD does not have authority to enforce this requirement, but the EMES school board feels EMFD does have jurisdiction and is moving forward. The SB wondered if other schools have had to do this and why this didn't come up in the design phase. Glenn Moore is the Fire Marshall for our district.

Motion: I move to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the EMES school board clarifying who has authority in the Fire Pond issue. Made: Mr. Etnier, second: Mr. Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Roads

Mr. Klein wanted to express his gratitude to the town for our roads. The town has done a great job upgrading the roads and culverts.

Continuation of Park N Ride Discussion

Ms. Vissering would like the town to encourage landscaping in the Park N Ride design. The Town Administrator noted that the landscaping will be mainly grass and some deciduous trees. The town will need easements from LaPerle and Winston in order to do the work. Some trees may be able to be added along the Winston boundary.

Warrants

Signed

Review of Minutes

September 23, 2013

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Other Business

Town Administrator (TA) Report

- VLCT Town Fair Annual Meeting Update – Kim Swasey
 - Capital Investment Planning update – the town is doing the right things; moving forward
 - Financing Green Projects – there are options available for financing
 - VLCT putting together coalition among municipalities to carry out larger projects
- VLCT PACIF renewal is coming up – SB would like to continue
- Charter Committee Forum – 10/9 at 7pm in the U-32 cafeteria
- Bill Fraser and Abby Friedman coming to the 11/18 meeting to talk about the town manager model
- VT Alert – TA will sign the town up
- CVRPC's November meeting – special wastewater solutions presentation on 11/12 at Chamber of Commerce
- Grants – Municipal Planning Grant for Fluvial Erosion regulations has been submitted and the request for qualifications for bidding on the sidewalk project management has been issued
- Holiday – SB agrees to give the town employees the day off the day after Thanksgiving; the SB agrees to make Veterans Day a floating holiday
- Upcoming schedule –
 - 10/21 – 11 road issues so far – structures grant, Class 4 roads, Captain Kidd Rd, winter roads policy, equipment discussion

Zoning Administrator Report

- 3 new permits since last meeting
- DRB – on 10/1 approved the Hill/Gardner subdivision; next meeting (10/15) for a request by Mike Brown and Rob LaClair to secure the existing use of the Hawkins lot on Towne Hill Road
- Sanfacon – he has done a good job cleaning up the lot; not sure what will happen with the case in Environmental Court

State Bank – Mr. Etnier noted that there is some interest in some Vermont towns to have a state bank that municipalities can use. Erik Esselstyn is possibly coming to the SB to brief them on the issue in the near future (11/4 or 12/2). He would like to see this as an advisory issue on the Town Meeting ballot.

Motion to adjourn. Made by Ms. Swasey; seconded by Mr. Sparrow. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary