

# Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

*APPROVED 1/7/13*

December 17, 2012

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

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town/Zoning Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Don Welch, Karen Gramer, Casey Flynn, Riley Flynn, Henry Hoffert, Cyrus Royce, Wendi Coburn, Art Chickering, Kim Swasey

**Call to Order:** 6:32pm

**Additions to the Agenda:** Gully Jumper's request

**Public Comment:** None

## **Letter of Concern Regarding Public Service Board Certificate of Public Good Application Process for Sub 10KW Net-Metered Solar Projects**

The SB reviewed the draft letter to be sent to Tony Klein regarding the concerns of the town. The Felt Earth Farm project does not meet front setback requirements. The town would like the same process to be followed for large and small projects. The SB would like to comment on free-standing systems and have at least a 15-day comment period.

**Motion: I move to authorize the Chair to sign letter to Tony Klein as modified.** Made: Etnier, second: Sparrow

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

## **Delinquent Tax Collector Report**

Karen Gramer came to the SB with the Tax Collector Report. The delinquent amount is currently \$69,000 and approximately \$123,000 has been collected this year. There are some potential tax sales in town:

Ibey – Elsie passed away this summer and Paul Ibey will inherit the property; no one is living in the house currently. The taxes owed are \$5,179.30 for the 2010/2011 tax year. The tax collector would like to send a 30-day demand letter after the holidays.

Winston – was in an agreement to pay \$100 per month, but stopped paying in August 2012. The Tax Collector would like to send a letter after the holidays.

Cerutti/Hudson – Riverbend Store is being sold to Alan Goldman on December 18; the taxes will be paid up.

## **Contract with Xerox/ACS for Land Records Digitization**

The microfilm will be stored offsite in Middlesex. Town records - from 2006 to present – Xerox/ACS will digitize and put on microfilm for a fee; from 2000-2005 – town will pay to have the microfilm digitized. Digitization and microfilm of land records going forward is part of the contract.

**Motion: I move to authorize Town Administrator to sign the Agreement for Information Technology Products and Services with Xerox/ACS.** Made: Northrup, second: Etnier

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

## **Letter of Concern Regarding Liff Vehicle Junkyard**

The SB has to be prepared to enforce any violations as there have been complaints from other townspeople. Mr. Liff has 2 options: 1) come up with a plan for removal of all vehicles or 2) request a permit for a junkyard which is not permitted in the zone.

**Motion: I move to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to Mike and Suzanne Liff as drafted.** Made: Etnier, second: Sparrow

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

## **Gully Jumper's Request**

The Gully Jumpers are requesting access on four town roads where the crossing is at more than a 45 degree angle: Coburn Road, Snow Hill Road, Dodge Road and County Road.

**Motion: I move to approve the East Montpelier Gully Jumper's Request to cross four town roads as noted in Sanford Woodbeck's letter dated 12/13/12.** Made: Sparrow, second: Etnier

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

## **Preliminary Review of 2013 Town Meeting Warning**

- Any amount over \$25,000 must be voted on by Australian ballot
- Kellogg Hubbard Library – coming to 1/7/13 meeting
- Current use encourages people to preserve their land –think about wording in the negative
- Twin Valley Senior Center – coming to 1/7/13 meeting
- No petitions received yet

**Interviews for SB Vacancy**

**Motion: I move to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.** Made: Etnier, second: Northrup

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

SB entered executive session at 7:40pm and exited at 8:30pm.

**Appointments**

**Motion: I move to appoint Kim Swasey for the three-month vacant SB position through the next town meeting.** Made: Sparrow, second: Northrup

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

**Review of Draft FY2014 Budget**

- Review of changes – road/paving: leave at \$280,000
- Comment – think about paving shoulders for bikes and pedestrians; pretty big expense

**Warrants**

Signed

**Review of Minutes**

December 3, 2012

**Motion: To approve minutes as amended.** Made: Northrup, second: Etnier

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

December 10, 2012

**Motion: To approve minutes as presented.** Made: Northrup, second: Sparrow

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

December 13, 2012

**Motion: To approve minutes as presented.** Made: Sparrow, second: Etnier

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

**Other Business**

**Town Administrator Report**

- Treasurer report – Tax Anticipation Note of \$300,000 was paid off last week
- CLA went up – town won't take a hit on the school budget, 12.45% co-efficient of dispersion
- East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative – formal 2-year option on Cassani lots off Route 2, approximately 7 acres; hoping to build a 16-unit building

**Motion: I move to waive all zoning fees for EMSLI as they move forward with the development of the Cassani lots.**

Made: Northrup, second: Etnier

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 4-0

- Rug issue in Town Office – rug has been here since the 80's, is old and worn through in places; the SB will evaluate the options
- FEMA – Town Administrator submitted final paperwork certifying that all work was done
- Narrow Band Switchover – 4 vehicle radios and 1 base radios need to be replaced, switch will cost \$2600-\$2800
- Penalty for Homestead – SB has option of collecting or waiving the penalty; have no policy, process is not clear
- Vivian house – recent suspicious fire, no one seems to be living there; 12 vehicles, 10 appear to be registered
- Rabies – rabid skunk recently killed on Cummings Road
- Notices – PACE update information session and Efficiency VT home energy challenge

**ZA Report**

- Sanfacon DRB decision has been issued, Pollock has not appealed yet
- Northstar hearing on 12/18
- Hawkins considering another subdivision of Towne Hill Road property – 2-lot subdivision of 44 acres

**Motion: To adjourn.** Made: Etnier, second: Northrup. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary*