

Selectboard Memo
September 22, 2014 SB Meeting

Consideration of Extended Warranty for 2015 International 7400

- The new 6-wheeler is at the town garage ready to roll; Clark's came down to go over the standard warranty, etc. and brought up the issue of extended warranties; Road Foreman Garand would like the board to consider the options

Discussion on 2014 VLCT Town Fair & Annual Meeting

- October 9, 2014 at Champlain Valley Expo
- Should determine who is going and who will serve as official town delegate
- See the draft 2015 VLCT municipal policy; any desire to recommend changes?

Consideration of Capital Reserve CD Renewal

- Town Treasurer Don Welch may be here to discuss capital planning
- He is requesting authority to reinvest in a CD on such terms as he sees fit for a period up to a year

Consideration of Legal Matter (Potential Executive Session)

- Pollock Request for Enforcement

Access Permits

- 14-055 Chapell Work-in-ROW request; two locations for running an electric line across road; one across Center at the Templeton/Lyle Young intersection; one across Foster at the Chapell sap building just north of Shumlin access; approved by Road Foreman Mike Garand
- 14-056 Hull request for a residential access off of Horn of the Moon Road; approved by Mike

Town Administrator Report

- Mike Garand Concern Regarding Parking by EMES
 - Some school personnel are regularly parking roadside
 - Even if we were to plow rec field all winter to maintain available parking, there still is no safe way to school (no path/sidewalk)
 - It may be time to have a discussion with EMES &/or School Board
 - This issue came up at last School Board meeting; board members spoke about putting up signs, no parking tape, etc.; Superintendent told board it would have to defer to Selectboard
 - There should be a long-term plan (i.e., connection with rec field, purchase of King lot, sidewalk, etc.)
- Rick Mastelli Concern Regarding Western Sanders Circle/Horn of the Moon Intersection
 - Rick, heading west on Horn of the Moon, was nearly crushed at the intersection by a vehicle heading east on Horn of the Moon that went straight onto Sanders Circle; he would like to see signage
 - Spoke with Mike Garand: hasn't considered signage at that spot, but it is a tough intersection (more of a "y" than a "t"); perhaps a yield on the west side of Horn of the Moon and a stop on Sanders Circle (similar to the signage at the Center/Templeton/Lyle Young intersection)
- Mike Garand Updates on Materials
 - Bickford's is currently closed; only local gravel option is Northeast Materials (up at Rock of Ages); requires more time/miles and, because of the increased usage, has come up empty at times
 - We have not received all our winter sand as of yet (September 15th was the deadline) – some 1,500 cu yds shy; Le Page has not always had material available (crusher issues) and Mike Brown has been busy; Mike is starting to put pressure on for delivery
- Update on Old Railroad Lane Concerns (Seth)
- Treasurer Appointment Timeline
 - How do you want to handle this? Form committee first (remember that the committee makeup is stated in the charter)? Craft job description first or let committee do it?
- Personnel Policy/Health Insurance Issue
 - We have a possible request for domestic partner coverage

- This is allowed under our BCBS Platinum Plan (all medal plans allow for this); partners living together for >6 months qualify (does need notarized documentation); would be standard rate two-person coverage
- Whether we allow this or not is town choice – there is no mandate for such coverage; our personnel policy is silent on this (or, actually, any other similar issue, such as family coverage, etc.)
- Optional Life Insurance Plans Now Available Through VLCT (w/ Lincoln Financial)
 - This is a totally voluntary offering:
 - Towns can choose to allow the offering; no town expense (employee pays, like Aflac)
 - Employees choose what coverage, if any, they want
- Upcoming Holiday Issues:
 - Veterans Day is midweek – no one really wants to take it off so would like it as a floater
 - Road crew generally uses it for a Hunter’s Monday
 - Office would prefer using it for the days after Christmas & New Years (which are half days)
 - I’m assuming you’re okay with treating the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday this year even if we don’t have the personnel policy amended by then
- Upcoming Educational Opportunities:
 - VLCT Fall Planning & Zoning Forum; October 29th at Capitol Plaza
 - VLCT Fall Selectboard Institute; November 8th at Lake Morey Resort
 - State Government Municipal Day; November 13th at National Life
- Upcoming Schedule of Events:
 - Sept 22nd Selectboard special meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - Sept 23rd Board of Civil Authority meeting (& Board of Abatement?)
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - October 6th Selectboard regular meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - October 9th VLCT Town Fair
Champlain Valley Expo, Essex
 - October 16th EMFD quarterly budget presentation
7:00 p.m. at ESF
 - October 20th Selectboard regular meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office

Zoning Administrator Report

- See permit report since September 8th
- Next DRB meeting will be October 7th
 - Packard Appeal of ZA Decision regarding merger of abutting former Casavant lot will be heard