

**Selectboard Memo**  
**October 20, 2014 SB Meeting**

**Discussion with Recreation Board**

- Recreation Board Co-chair Phillip Heinz will represent board
- Discussion will center on possible improvements to parking lot, drainage, front of recreation field parcel, and the area between the field and EMES

**Consideration of Revised Animal Control Ordinance**

- See documents
  - Current Animal Control Ordinance
  - VLCT Model Dog Ordinance
  - Carl's draft East Montpelier Dog Ordinance

**Discussion on Options for Old EMFD Fire Station**

- Next steps: hire engineer/inspector/architect? discuss options with EMFD?
- Road Foreman Garand is looking into using one Templeton Road fire station bay for the new 6-wheeler; it should fit and would relieve some of the crowding at the garage; cost agreement with EMFD for utilities is a concern

**Continued Discussion of Traffic Ordinance Amendments**

- School Zone for EMES:
  - Marking as a school zone is a local decision – no clear state/MUTCD standards
  - Do we want to consider a drop in speed limit?
    - If so, we'll need to conduct a traffic study
- Western Sanders Circle/Horn of the Moon Intersection
  - New recommendation (matching the first proposal back in September):
    - Add a yield on the west side of Horn of the Moon Road
    - Add new street signs for both roads
    - Consider the addition of a stop sign on Sanders Circle

**MUTCD CHAPTER 5B. REGULATORY SIGNS For Low-Volume Roads**

**Section 5B.01 Introduction**

Support:

The purpose of a regulatory sign is to inform highway users of traffic laws or regulations, and to indicate the applicability of legal requirements that would not otherwise be apparent.

The provisions for regulatory signs are contained in Chapter 2B and in other Sections of this Manual. Provisions for regulatory signs that are specific to low-volume roads are contained in this Chapter.

**Section 5B.02 STOP and YIELD Signs (R1-1 and R1-2)**

Guidance:

STOP (R1-1) and YIELD (R1-2) signs (see Figure 5B-1) should be considered for use on low-volume roads where engineering judgment or study, consistent with the provisions of Sections 2B.04 to 2B.10, indicates that either of the following conditions applies:

- A. An intersection of a less-important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule might not be readily apparent.
- B. An intersection that has restricted sight distance for the prevailing vehicle speeds.

**Consideration of Winter Roads Policy**

- See draft policy; no major changes from last year; Road Foreman Garand is comfortable with policy

### **Consideration of 2015 Employee Health Care Benefit Options**

- Basic question is whether the board wants to make any changes to current offerings:
  - We pay the equivalent of 90% of the BCBS Platinum Plan
    - At the time we approved this last year, we thought the employees would have the full range of BCBS plans to choose between; because of the way the health care exchange played out, in the end our employees were all “forced” to take the Platinum Plan
  - In lieu of insurance, we provide a stipend of \$1,600
- Assuming we want to stick with the BCBS offerings, an initial issue is whether we want to offer our employees access to all 9 BCBS plans or some subset of same (see sheet)
- Cost of BCBS plans are up about 7.1%
- FY2015 budget health insurance line is \$62,000; the first half of the 2015 health care benefit is covered by this budget line, with the second half under the FY2016 budget; current monthly cost (with stipends) is \$4,921.31; projected monthly cost starting in January 2015, using the current benefit and assuming no changes other than the anticipated shift of one employee from single to 2-person, will be \$5,804.17 (absent the employee shift the cost would be \$5,242.41). As always, we have to open up the benefit options to all employees, so the actual cost could be significantly higher.
- Need to determine 3 things:
  - Town share of insurance cost
  - BCBS plans to be offered to employees
  - Value of stipend in lieu of health insurance

### **Discussion of Treasurer Appointment Committee Creation**

- Committee charge; first meeting; job description
- Committee slots:
  - Selectboard Member #1                 Seth Gardner
  - Selectboard Member #2                 Carl Etnier
  - Town Clerk                                 Terri Conti
  - Auditor   Dave Grundy
  - Town Resident Slots (2 needed) – potential candidates:
    - Fred Satink
    - Karen Gramer
  - CPA Slot (1 needed) – potential candidates:
    - Jane Burroughs
    - Ed Deegan

### **Appointments**

- 2015 Green Up Day Coordinator
  - Chris Racanelli is willing to continue as coordinator

### **Minutes**

- Town Clerk Conti has requested that we amend the September 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes to reflect that she posted the BCA notice Friday afternoon before she left for the day.

## **Town Administrator Report**

- Review of VLCT Town Fair (Carl)
- Review of EMFD Quarterly Budget Presentation
- Education Funding Reform Message from VLCT
  - See document; any interest in signing on?
- Possible Streetlight for Village Acres/US Rte. 2 Intersection:
  - EMFD would like to improve visibility at the intersection and wants a streetlight
  - The GMP pole along Village Acres on the US Rte. 2 side of Buy Rite Auto is the desired/recommended location for such a streetlight
- Update on Sanfacon Situation (Seth)
- Update on Old Railroad Lane Concerns (Seth)
  - MJ Mascitti has set up a neighbors meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. at the town office
    - To discuss right-of-way ownership and his plans
- Update on Paving:
  - Still have a day or so of paving (top course; from school back to Browns) and an equivalent amount of time on shoulder work; weather and state contracts wreaking havoc on schedule
- Upcoming Educational Opportunities:
  - VLCT Fall Planning & Zoning Forum; October 29<sup>th</sup> at Capitol Plaza
  - VLCT Fall Selectboard Institute; November 8<sup>th</sup> at Lake Morey Resort
  - State Government Municipal Day; November 13<sup>th</sup> at National Life
- Upcoming Schedule of Events:
  - October 23<sup>rd</sup> VTrans Village Bridge Public Forum  
6:30 p.m. at U-32 cafeteria
  - October 27<sup>th</sup> BCA & Board of Tax Abatement meetings  
6:30 p.m. at town office
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectboard regular meeting  
6:30 p.m. at town office
  - November 13<sup>th</sup> Funding Request Study Committee annual meeting  
7:00 p.m. at town office
  - November 17<sup>th</sup> Selectboard regular meeting  
6:30 p.m. at town office
  - November 20<sup>th</sup> Potential Planning Commission Public Hearing on Draft Flood Regs  
Unknown (time & place still under discussion)
  - December 1<sup>st</sup> Selectboard regular meeting  
6:30 p.m. at town office
  - December 4<sup>th</sup> EMFD FY2016 Budget Presentation  
7:00 p.m. at ESF

## **Zoning Administrator Report**

- See permit report since October 6<sup>th</sup>
- Next DRB meeting will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>; likely hearings for:
  - Country Camper
  - Danforth subdivision
  - Wells appeal