

Selectboard Memo
November 3, 2014 SB Meeting

Update on Twin Valley Senior Center

- Executive Director Rita Copeland will be here to discuss the recent shift to the East Montpelier location and future plans
- This is not a funding request issue – Twin Valley is seeking \$2,000 in FY2016 (up from \$750 voted for FY15); that decision will be handled by the funding request study committee

Consideration of Revised Animal Control Ordinance

- See latest draft from Carl; a tweaked version of the new VLCT model dog ordinance

Discussion on Options for Old EMFD Fire Station

- Casey, Seth, & Steve met with Road Foreman Mike Garand and EMFD Asst. Chief Toby Talbot at the Templeton Road Fire Station on October 23rd; a basic plan of action was developed to renovate the office side (the east side) of the structure to allow access for the excavator and the grader; EMFD will continue to use the west side for the new tanker and the pumper
- EMFD board supports town use to house heavy equipment during the winter; the full department will consider the use and necessary building renovations at its meeting November 4th

Consideration of Winter Roads Policy

- See policy adopted at the October 20th meeting – with a newly added adjustment for plow route time; I spoke with Road Forman Garand about the 7 hour timing that Seth questioned – the routes take 3 ½ to 4 hours; the new policy version states “about 4 hours”

Consideration of request to VTrans for reclassification of the road stretch from US Rte 2/VT Rte 14 to County Road (Along Quaker, Vincent Flats, Dodge, Lyle Young, & Templeton Roads) from Class 3 to Class 2

- Discussion of concept; if the town is going to do this, we need to send in a packet to VTrans in the next couple of weeks; we’ll need a formal motion supporting the concept

Additions to Agenda

- NEMRC Annual Support Agreement:
 - Standard contract for service/maintenance of our various NEMRC modules – very worthwhile
 - \$1,253.75, up from \$1,217.23 (up 3%); on this meeting’s warrant
 - Need motion to authorize renewal of agreement
- Personnel matter (probable executive session under 1 VSA §313(a)(4))
- Real estate matter (probable executive session under 1 VSA §313(a)(2))

Town Administrator Report

- EMFD Offer of Old Tankers
 - EMFD is offering either of the old tankers to the town for use as a chloride truck; the cost is either \$10k or \$15k (truck dependent); EMFD will offer a payment plan
- Traffic Ordinance Update:
 - Waiting on VTrans traffic division (the sign crew) to provide guidance on school zone and no parking options
- Judicial Bureau Training Session with VLCT:
 - VLCT is putting together a presentation for us on the Judicial Bureau; the cost would be around \$500 (about half the old training costs – when the Municipal Education Grants were still around); we’re getting a “cut rate” because this is an opportunity for VLCT to modernize (bring

- up to date) the Judicial Bureau program that hasn't been done recently – this new program will then be offered to other communities; Sarah Jarvis, VLCT staff attorney, will be the leader
 - Possible dates include November 17th (our regular meeting), November 20th (the PC regular meeting, for which we already have the ESF), or some December date
- Treasurer Candidate Recommendation Committee
 - Want to stick with November 10th (possibly 3 members can't make it)?
 - Jane Burroughs is suggesting November 13th, 18th, or 19th – comments?
- Employee Health Plan & Other Benefits Meeting:
 - VLCT's Larry Smith was here today and gave a presentation to employees on health plan options, the health advocate program, the new employer-paid life, long-term disability, and short-term disability policies, and the new employee-option life insurance policy
- Possible Streetlight for Village Acres/US Rte. 2 Intersection:
 - Light has been ordered; GMP will install "soon"
- Update on Sanfacon Situation:
 - Cladding is basically done
 - We stated that we would review this issue at our December 1st meeting; do you want to do a noticed site inspection prior to that? Due to darkness, we can't do a pre-meeting inspection
- Town Party:
 - Want to do it again? Date range? Last year we did it December 8th in concert with our website public forum
- Update on Paving:
 - Done; Nicom on County Road today & Center Road tomorrow; line painting coming soon
- Upcoming Educational Opportunities:
 - VLCT Fall Selectboard Institute; November 8th at Lake Morey Resort
 - State Government Municipal Day; November 13th at National Life
- Upcoming Schedule of Events:
 - November 10th Possible Treasurer Candidate Recommendation Committee meeting
7:00 p.m. at town office
 - November 13th Funding Request Study Committee annual meeting
7:00 p.m. at town office
 - November 17th Selectboard regular meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - November 20th Potential Joint Meeting with Planning Commission on Judicial Bureau
7:00 p.m. at ESF
 - December 1st Selectboard regular meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - December 4th EMFD FY2016 Budget Presentation
7:00 p.m. at ESF
 - December 8th Proposed joint meeting with Calais Selectboard for EMFD budget
7:30 p.m. at Calais town office

Zoning Administrator Report

- See permit report since October 20th
- Next DRB meeting will be December 2nd; likely hearings for:
 - Country Camper
 - Danforth subdivision
 - Wells appeal (this is a definite; Wells did appeal my decision)