

Selectboard Memo
February 16, 2015 SB Meeting

Delinquent Tax Collector Report

- Karen Gramer, town delinquent tax collector

Update on Central VT Regional Planning Commission

- Julie Potter, town CVRPC representative

Consideration of Appointed Treasurer Contract

- See proposed contract

Consideration of Investment Options for Conservation Fund

- Current cd is up for renewal; fund total sits at approximately \$20,500
- There is an active Vermont Land Trust development rights project (Ormsbee property)
 - Conservation Fund Advisory Committee will be at the March 2nd SB meeting to discuss its recommendation for funding of the VLT project; expected request is \$15,000; project is on the fast track, with hopes of completion this spring

Discussion on Potential VTrans Grant Projects

- Need to determine choices for submission under the VTrans structures and paving grant programs
- The Class 2 paving program allows for engineering studies; one possibility is to request funding for a study of the new Class 2 stretch from US Rte. 2 to County Road
 - We have no specific paving requirements for 2015 and are unlikely to receive a fully funded paving grant this year anyway given our recent awards (Towne Hill, Center, and Gallison Roads in the past 5 years)
- Specific options for the structures program are somewhat limited until we get an understanding of the new VTrans methodology for the replacement of old, but arguably historic, stone culverts
 - We could once again apply for the replacement of the undersized culvert under Quaker Road at the Brown residence
 - Another possibility, which would require both a hydraulic study and a preliminary engineering review, would be the Murray Road culvert near the Montpelier line

Discussion of 2015 Town Meeting/Forum Presentations

- Presumptive final planning session prior to forum
- 2014 Annual Report has been mailed and is posted on the town website

Additions to Agenda

- VTrans Certificate of Compliance for Town Road & Bridge Standards
 - Required element of VTrans structures & paving grant applications and now an annual certification that is part of the ERAF (Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund) % determination
 - Needs to be approved and signed by members

Town Administrator Report

- Capital West/Capital Fire Mutual Aid System Meeting Recap
 - Seth, Kim, and Bruce attended
- Act 148, Universal Recycling Law, Update:
 - CVSWMD will handle the vast majority of the issues for us (and the other member towns)
 - There is a hearing on its variable rate pricing ordinance on March 9th, 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce building
 - We will have to deal with the July 1st recycling bin mandate – more on that later (the state has just put out an RFP for bulk bin purchase contract that we will be able to use)
 - It is possible this requirement will be modified by the legislature this year
- SB Meeting Schedule Options:
 - Any need/desire for a pre-forum meeting?
 - March/April schedule:
 - Last year we met at the end of March and then once in April (to avoid spring school vacation); a possible schedule could be:
 - March 2nd, 16th, 30th; April 13th; May 4th
- Upcoming Schedule of Events:
 - February 17th VTrans sidewalk project mtg (Seth & Casey)
1:00 p.m. at Nat'l Life Dewey Bldg R134
 - February 28th Town Forum
9:30 a.m. at EMES
 - March 2nd Selectboard regular meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - March 3rd Town Meeting
9:30 a.m. at EMES

Zoning Administrator Report

- No new applications; no DRB meeting currently scheduled