

Selectboard Memo
May 4, 2015 SB Meeting

Discussion with Taylor Ralph, Sun Common representative, regarding community solar project planned for Coburn property on VT Rte. 14 N

- Ms. Ralph will be here to discuss Sun Common's community solar program and a potential site for such a project on the Coburn property

Discussion on May 7, 2015 Planning Commission public hearing on proposed amendments to the East Montpelier Land Use & Development Regulations and meeting with Planning Commission immediately after the hearing regarding PC priorities for future planning & zoning efforts

- This is essentially an SB study session for the upcoming PC hearing and meeting
- Planning Commission Chair Jean Vissering has provided a proposed list of topics for future PC study; SB members will be attending the PC meeting after the hearing to discuss both this list and other possible areas of study

Consideration of Better Backroads grant application

- Application for FY2016 program due by May 15th
- Road Foreman Garand and VTrans grant program manager Alan May agree that replacement of the failed culvert just to the east of Mike Hopkins property on Coburn Road is a good candidate for the program:
 - The current culvert is a combo of about 20' of laid up stone and 20' of steel with a 3' diameter
 - Proposed replacement would be a 60-foot culvert of 4-foot diameter; the extra length is to allow the culvert to extend down to the existing terrain (the current culvert ends with a 3-foot waterfall)
- Alan and Mike are developing an application; the expectation is that the out-of-pocket material cost will be under the grant maximum of \$10,000; the required town match will be covered by town equipment and labor expense
- Given the timing, if the board agrees to go forward with this application, need a motion to authorize TA Johnson to sign the application

Consideration of Green Homes Solutions of VT offer of free bug treatments for town recreation field

- Green Homes Solutions of VT, a new local company, is offering to treat the recreation field for mosquitoes, biting flies, and ticks through the spring sports season
- The Recreation Board has some concerns with this offer; it will consider the treatment again at its May 11th meeting; Julie Brown, one of the company's owners and an East Montpelier resident, asked that the Selectboard also consider the proposal

Consideration of ESRI FY2016 ArcGIS license quote

- Standard annual one-seat ArcGIS license to use with our Query Manager parcel data program; cost remains \$700, which includes maintenance and updates
- Need motion to authorize TA Johnson to execute agreement

Consideration of contract renewal for IT services from rbTechnologies

- The contract will roll unless the board decides to not renew; the monthly price has dropped to \$260 from \$290 due to the change in server configuration – last year we had both a main server and a back-up server, but the new system simply has one server that handles all network tasks

Additions to Agenda

- VTrans Right-of-Way Purchase of Town Land for Village Bridge Project
 - As part of the Village Bridge and US Rte. 2/VT Rte. 14 south intersection project, VTrans is purchasing the land for which it holds road rights-of-way; the town owns a lot (the old town hall

- lot) along the east side of US Rte. 2 and VTrans is “offering” to purchase the 24.75 feet (1.5 rods) of r-o-w
 - The proffered deeds have not yet been vetted by Town Attorney Bjornlund; one issue, however, can be discussed – does the town want to donate or sell the r-o-w (the offered price is \$200)
- WEC Request for Certification of Office Building Conformance with Zoning Regulations
 - In light of the recent refusal of the town to give the Church Street lot to WEC to resolve WEC’s concerns over selling the VT Rte. 14 N garage lot to the town for a park ‘n ride and its effect on WEC’s available (and fully WEC-controlled) parking, WEC is now asking that the town certify that WEC is fully in conformance, as a pre-existing use, with the town’s parking requirements contained in the zoning regulations

Town Administrator Report

- Highway crew attending May 13th VMHA (VT Municipal Highway Association) Equipment Show & Field Day in Barre at Civic Center/BOR (\$60 on warrant)
- Municipal Assistant Brown would appreciate consideration of the installation of a screen door(s) to allow airflow without bug flow
- Upcoming schedule:
 - May 7th PC public hearing on proposed zoning regulation amendments
7:00 p.m. at town office
PC meeting with SB members
Immediately after conclusion of public hearing
 - May 18th Regular SB meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - June 1st Regular SB meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office

Zoning Administrator Report

- 2 new applications since April 13th; no DRB meeting currently scheduled, but it appears one will be needed on June 2nd (no formal application received as yet)