

Selectboard Memo
August 17, 2015 SB Meeting

Discussion with State Representative Tony Klein: Focus on H. 40 and Renewable Energy Credits

- The board requested this meeting with Representative Klein as a result of the concerns raised by the now-abandoned SunCommon Community Solar Array project planned for the Coburn property

***** The Following 3 Items Are Interrelated and May be Best Discussed as One Multifaceted Issue *****

Discussion with Capital Improvement Committee

Discussion on Acquisition of Winston/Silberberg Property

- The transfer process is continuing on target; the town has completed the 10% down payment; Town Attorney Bjornlund is working with Silberberg Attorney Su Steckel on the transfer paperwork; no target date for closing as yet – the sale still needs judicial approval

Discussion on Creation of Building Facilities Committee

Discussion on Town Sale of Used Culverts

- Road Foreman Garand often has used culverts on hand; in the past he has either given them to residents who ask or taken them to Bolduc's for recycling; he would like to have the board validate his procedure
- One option: allow the sale or gifting of the used culverts, up to a certain recycling value (these used culverts have no actual use value to the town) on a first-come, first-served basis

Consideration of Tax Anticipation Note Application

- Treasurer Welch will give a brief update on the process

Discussion on Town Office Building Smart Meter Installation

- The town chose not to install a smart meter two years ago when the issue was first presented to us by Green Mountain Power; GMP is now switching to an estimated billing process (meter read every other month) for those who do not have smart meters; GMP is, as an option to avoid the estimated billing process, offering (at no cost) to install smart meters; does the board want to revisit its prior decision?

Discussion on Letter to F.W. Whitcomb Construction Corp. Regarding 2014 Quaker Road Paving Project

- There is concern that the Quaker/Vincent Flats Roads 2014 repaving is not holding up well; a letter calling attention to the concerns and requesting Whitcomb's to review the current state of the pavement may be in order

Discussion on Town Credit Card Usage by Cemetery Sexton

- Sexton Morse tends to make numerous small purchases as needed for cemetery fence repair, equipment repair, etc.; town has frowned on opening new charge accounts with businesses for this type of purchase; town could add Sexton Morse to the town credit card (at present, TA Johnson and Road Foreman Garand are the two on the account) with a capped charge level to resolve this issue

Discussion of CVSWMD Grant For an Organics Recycling Event

- The town has a \$3,000 allocation from the Central VT Solid Waste Management District that can be used to provide reduced cost organics recycling supplies
- TA Johnson met with EMES Principal Alicia Lyford and CVSWMD's Chrissy Bellmyer to discuss an educational organics recycling event to be held September 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. up at EMES in conjunction with the school's annual open house
- CVSWMD personnel will conduct a half-hour class on composting and the state's goal to reduce organics in the solid waste stream; Green Cones (\$110), Soilsaver Compost Bins (\$50), and Kitchen

Caddys (\$10) could be available for purchase; the town could purchase a certain number of the containers and offer them to residents at a reduced cost (taking advantage of the grant); we could also offer items as door prizes/lottery prizes for attendance at the event or simply as a fundraiser, perhaps for the Recreation Board's desire to clean up the slot between the school fields and the rec fields

- Town needs to summarize its plan to use the funding in a letter to CVSWMD (essentially this would work as a request to amend the original grant application that resulted in the \$3,000 allocation); if a plan is developed, board could authorize TA Johnson to submit the necessary paperwork

Discussion on Catering License Application Approval Process

- There is some concern that the turn-around time on catered event liquor permit applications is too short to fit the standard Selectboard meeting schedule; the board could authorize (i.e., delegate its authority to) TA Johnson to approve these applications if it is impractical to set the issue as an agenda item

Access Permit: 15-020 Bender, 1420 North St., Second Access

- Mr. Bender, who has a handicap, has requested a second access to provide a main floor entry to his house; currently he has a very nice driveway/parking area to the south of his house that requires steps to access the main level; the existing slot (not developed, but used in the past for special purposes) from a spot on North Street well north of the house (still on the property) would allow level access

Town Administrator Report

- Meeting Schedule for the summer:
 - August 31st "Special" Regular SB meeting
 - September 9th ANR State Government Municipal Day
 - September 21st Regular SB meeting
 - October 5th Regular SB meeting
 - October 8th VLCT Town Fair
 - October 15th EMFD Quarterly Budget Presentation
- MOU with EMFD Regarding Town Use of Templeton Road Fire Station
 - Calais Selectboard Chair Denise Wheeler and member Scott Bassage both reviewed the document and saw no issues; Toby Talbot will present to EMFD board
- VLCT Town Fair
 - October 8th at Killington Grand Hotel
 - Early bird registration ends September 11th
- ANR's State Government Municipal Day
 - September 9th at National Life complex
 - If have interest, should sign up soon as space is limited

Zoning Administrator Report

- See permit activity for period August 3 – August 17, 2015
- Update on Environmental Court Actions
 - Sanfacon/Pollock Cross Motions for Contempt for Failure to Follow Settlement Agreement
 - Both parties found to have not followed settlement; Sanfacon expected to clad/screen trailer doors; Pollock must remove website and stay off Sanfacon property
 - Wells Accessory Dwelling Summary Judgment Motions
 - Court overturned DRB decision denying Wells application for accessory dwelling; Wells will work with ZA Johnson on the application
- Next DRB meeting will be on September 1, 2015
 - Continuance of Shanley (950 Sparrow Farm Rd) request for variance
 - Final plan review of Heller (1912 VT Rte. 14 N) amendment to approved subdivision
 - Biennial review of Casella's compliance with permit requirements for transfer station