

Selectboard Memo
October 19, 2015 SB Meeting

Consideration of Selectboard Vacancy

- Candidates (all invited to meet with the board this evening):
 - Peter Hill
 - Ray Stout
 - Alex Boguzewski
 - Phillip Heinz (not available for meet 'n greet session; see letter)
 - Ed Deegan
 - Gene Troia
- Board needs to decide on selection process moving forward

Discussion on Zoning Enforcement Actions

- Mr. & Ms. May expect to attend to discuss the ongoing situation on Mays Way
- The town has issued a formal Notice of Violation against the Clement/Buck family at 365 Mays Way; ANR has done the same; the couple are no longer residing on the property; the domestic animals have been removed; the camper is still on site

Listers Errors & Omissions

- See lister report for details; need motion to accept changes if board agrees:
 - **T. Wayne Clark/Seth Gardner**
 - The Codling Road property transfer was not processed properly by the listers; the two new building lots T. Clark created and kept were not separated from the main property when the listers updated the records to reflect Seth's purchase; that problem has now been corrected with a net gain to the grand list
 - **Donald Cote**
 - Mr. Cote's two US Rte. 2 commercial building lots on the east side of the Winooski just beyond the Carpet Barn and one lot behind the business have been rendered relatively useless for development purposes by the river corridor protection zone; the listers have reassessed the lots downward to reflect this issue
 - **The state has recently mandated a new way to value solar facilities; the old method allowed the town to include on its grand list for town tax purposes (ed tax is handled differently) a certain value per kW for facilities larger than 10 kW; now this is allowed only for facilities larger than 50 kW and the value/kW is lower; this change affects three parcels:**
 - Seth Gardner's solar facility located just up Kelton from the Snow Hill intersection; this is large enough that it still has an (largely diminished) assessed value
 - Kingsbury Hydro's solar facility across VT Rte. 14 N from the North Montpelier Pond dam; no longer has an assessed value
 - Burr Morse's solar installation across County Road from the Morse Sugarshack; no longer has an assessed value

Discussion on Potential Amendments to Zoning Regulations

- **Section 7.4 Certificates of Compliance**
 - Board needs to decide where it wants to go with this section
- **Article 9 Flood Hazard Regulations**
 - Board seems comfortable with proposed language; only remaining issue is whether there will need to be tweaks to the Section 9.11 certificate of compliance language as a result of any board changes to Section 7.4
 - See Rick Hopkins comments

Discussion on Development of Roadside Vegetation Policy

- Need to develop plan of action if the board intends to move forward with this concept

Discussion on Creation of Building Facilities Committee

- Final purchase of Winston property still awaiting sign-off at the judicial level; may need to hold off on committee formation until after Town Meeting at this point

Discussion on Excess Weight Permit Approval Process

- Concept put forth to delegate approval process to TA Johnson

Discussion on Village Properties & Projects: Frank Pratt

- Frank Pratt will be here to discuss updates on Park 'n Ride project and possible tie-in to Winston property

Access Permits

➤ 15-034 Manghi

- 185 Markham Road; the subject of a 2-lot subdivision scheduled for DRB review on November 3rd; Lot 1 will be a 7 acre lot with the existing dwelling and access expected to be transferred to a son of abutting neighbors Duane & Knoedler; Lot 2 will be a 52+ acre undeveloped lot to be transferred to Seth Gardner for agricultural use
- The purpose of the access application is to provide a dedicated agriculture access to the new Lot 2; the current ag access is on the Duane/Manghi line, near the house, and reliant on a disappearing easement; there is no existing clean access to Lot 2

Town Administrator Report

- EMSLI Webpage on Town Website:
 - The East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative would like to have a page on the town's website; for many years EMSLI had a static page on the Signpost website, but that is no longer true (the page still exists, but there is no direct access from the Signpost site; we have a link to the static page on the town website)
- Report on 2015 VLCT Town Fair & Annual Meeting:
 - TA Johnson attended the October 8th event
- Winooski Hydro PSB CPG Application
 - Net metering of hydro production with National Life with WEC also receiving benefits; 30-day comment period ends November 6th
- Potential Meeting with Lt. Nally of the VSP
 - On issues of expanding constable powers/usage and Brazier Road drug deal concerns; No response yet from Lt. Nally
- Front Porch Forum Funding Campaign
 - Does the board have interest in making an annual "contribution", either as a budget line item or a direct funding article?
- Townspeople's Concern About Potential U-32 Dog Policy Change
- Holiday Schedule Through January 1, 2016:
 - November 11th (Veterans Day) falls on a Wednesday and employers would prefer to work that day and use the holiday time later; as in past years, road crew would like to have the following Monday (November 16th; hunting season) off; however, like last year, the town office would prefer to use the holiday during the Christmas/New Years period
 - Christmas & New Years Day are on Friday, which puts the "eves" on Thursday; generally the Town Clerk's office closes early (around 1 p.m.) on the "eves" so the thought is to simply not open on those days as a trade-off for Veterans Day; last year the trade was for the days after as they fell on Friday
- Thoughts on Town Volunteer Appreciation Party?
 - Last year we held it on December 13th, a Saturday; year before was on December 8th, a Sunday; and the first one was on December 27th, a Thursday
- Meeting Schedule:
 - November 2nd 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting
 - November 16th 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting
 - November 30th 7:00 pm Public hearing at ESF
 - December 3rd 7:00 pm EMFD FY17 budget presentation at ESF
 - December 7th 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting & joint budget meeting with Calais

Zoning Administrator Report

- See permit activity for period October 5 – October 19, 2015
- Next DRB meeting will be on October 20, 2015
 - Continuation of appeal of ZA's issuance of a permit to Duane Wells for an accessory dwelling
- Next regular DRB meeting will be on November 3, 2015
 - Manghi/Gardner/Duane final plan review for a two-lot subdivision of 185 Markham Road