

Selectboard Memo
November 16, 2015 SB Meeting

Cross Vermont Trail Recreation Facilities Grant Application: Greg Western, CVTA Director

- CVTA intends to submit a grant application to help fund the stretch of trail along US Rte. 2 between the proposed Winooski River bridge and the town-owned Benton parcel
- CVTA would like a letter of support from the Selectboard; see draft

Discussion on Proposed Solar Array on Cassani Property: Andy Thomas & Michael Lazar, Project Representatives

- There is a 150 kW solar array proposed for the 6-lot, 8.36 acre parcel located just to the west of US Rte. 2 across the road from the East Montpelier Home Center; the facility will need to receive a Certificate of Public Good from the Public Service Board (there is no local zoning component); we are in the middle of the 45-day pre-application filing period, which is a good opportunity to speak with the project representatives; the town will receive official notice of the right to comment directly to the Public Service Board on the actual application once it is filed

Discussion on Potential Amendments to Zoning Regulations and November 30th Public Hearing

- Proposed changes are now warned for the November 30th hearing at the ESF; for the next 150 days zoning applications are considered under both the current and proposed regulations
- Last chance to discuss plans for hearing and any last minute concerns

Discussion with Recreation Board on Recreation Field Tree Clearing Plan and Bids

- The Recreation Board has received bids for the clearing of the invasives and underbrush in the area between the recreation field and EMES
- SB needs to determine how it wants to move forward: authorize the Rec Board to accept one of the bids and provide money for same or choose some other course

Consideration of NEMRC Annual Support Agreement

- Annual maintenance and support agreement for our suite of NEMRC database modules
- Last year \$1,253.75; this year \$1,291.36, a 3% increase

Discussion on Winston/Silberberg Property Closing

- Closing is set for Tuesday, November 17th at 10:15 p.m.
- If the board is so inclined, it needs to authorize TA Johnson to represent the town at the closing and to authorize TA Johnson to approve a warrant for the exact amount needed at closing (the amount is still unknown; expected to be around \$215,900; suggest authorizing anything up to \$217,000)

Discussion On Proposed Policy For Social Organization Funding Requests

- At the Funding Request Study Committee's meeting last Wednesday the members decided to recommend that both Montpelier Senior Activity Center and Central VT Home Health & Hospice be placed on the 2016 Town Meeting Warning as separate articles; for future years, the committee would like the board to establish a process/policy whereby requests over \$5000 be reviewed by the committee and then, with Selectboard approval, placed on the warning as separate articles for voters
- MSAC (\$5,000) and CVHHH (\$5,500) have both submitted level-funded requests for FY2017; MSAC had a separate article last year whereas CVHHH was included in the funding request article; both dwarf the next highest request (Community Connections at a level-funded \$2,500)

Town Administrator Report

- November 16th Installment #1 Property Tax Deadline:
 - See Town Treasurer update
- Town Party for Volunteers:
 - Change in concept proposed; potential change in date
 - Move party to town office
 - Have appetizers and libation options
 - Use it to poll/survey attendees about Winston property
 - Possibly hold during week – such as December 16th or 17th (which would be PC meeting night)
- Potential Request to Shift Selectboard Regular Meeting Timing:
 - See Mr. Etnier’s plan for discussion of issue
- VT Land Trust Conservation of Ormsbee Parcel:
 - The long-planned effort to conserve the 171-acre Ormsbee parcel on Center Road is now complete; Fairmont Farm now owns the land; VLT owns the develop rights; the East Montpelier Trails Association has various trail easements
 - The current warrant has the VLT request for the Selectboard-sanctioned \$15,000 payment from our Conservation Fund
- EMES Planning Forum & Free Spaghetti Dinner:
 - See flyer for the November 18th event
- Central Vermont Community Solar Forum:
 - See flyer for the November 21st Randolph Center event
- Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL Requirements for Municipalities:
 - See fact sheet laying out the requirements on municipalities in the coming years as the DEC develops the rules to implement H.35 ; the cost of the necessary stormwater permits is somewhat daunting
- Update on Park ‘n Ride:
 - Progress has been made on the WEC property purchase by VTrans for the town; it appears that a closing will be scheduled in the near future
- December 3rd EMFD Budget Presentation:
 - TA Johnson will not be in attendance
- Planning Commission Vacancy:
 - Advertised with November 19th deadline for submission of letter of interest to the PC
- Caldwell Delinquent Tax Sale:
 - One third mile north of Powder Horn Glen Road on the west side of County Road
 - Sale is set for Tuesday, December 1st, 10 a.m. here at the town office
 - Laundry tax sale (2726 Horn of the Moon Road) is still on hold as our attorney deals with the estate & probate aspects of the ownership interests
- Meeting Schedule:
 - November 30th 7:00 pm Public hearing on zoning regulation amendments 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
 - **December 19th 5:00 pm Town party at ESF**
 - December 21st 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting

Zoning Administrator Report

- See permit activity for period November 2 – November 16, 2015
- On November 13th Mr. Clement and Ms. Buck applied for a permit to allow use of their Mays Way camper as a shed; site visit is scheduled for November 20th
- No DRB meeting scheduled