

Selectboard Memo
November 30, 2015 SB Hearing & Meeting

Consideration of Bids for Recreation Field Tree & Brush Trimming

- At the request of the Selectboard, the Recreation Board rebid the proposed project to clear 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

Discussion on Use of Capital Reserve Fund for Winston/Silberberg Property Purchase

- The town closed on the purchase November 17th, with a final cash outlay of \$215,975 to go with the earlier \$24,000 down payment
- If the board is comfortable using the Capital Reserve Fund for this purchase, there needs to be a motion such as this: To fund the entire cost of the town purchase of the 3035 US Rte. 2 parcel, \$239,975, through use of the Capital Reserve Fund.

Discussion on Tax Abatement Request for Winston/Silberberg Property

- The town technically owes over \$16,000 in current and delinquent taxes on the Winston/Silberberg parcel; the town, of course, is exempt from paying property taxes and the property will be tax exempt for the upcoming tax year; to clean up the books, however, the town should request an abatement of all owed taxes
- See draft letter to the Board of Tax Abatement; if comfortable, board should authorize Chair Gardner to sign abatement request; Town Clerk Conti is aware of the likely request and intends to include it as part of the BCA/BTA meeting on December 8th

Review of Public Hearing and Discussion on Potential Amendments to East Montpelier Land Use & Development Regulations

- Is SB ready to move forward with adoption? If not, what's next?

Town Administrator Report

- Citizen Concern Regarding Center Road Ditch Work Under Better Backroads Grant
 - Karen Gramer would like the town to consider planting trees/bushes to replace removed trees/brush that provided a wind & snow block for both the road and her property
- Change in Timing for EMFD FY2017 Budget Meeting
 - Now Wednesday, December 2, 7 p.m. at the ESF
- Town Party for Volunteers:
 - Invitations have been sent; party is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th, 5-9 p.m. at the town office
- 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
 - Does the town want to be a "last resort" bidder; approximately \$5,100
- Meeting Schedule:
 - December 2nd 7:00 pm EMFD FY17 budget presentation at ESF
 - December 7th 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting & joint budget meeting with Calais
 - December 8th 6:30 pm BCA & Board of Tax Abatement meeting at town office
 - December 17th 5:00 pm Town party at town office
 - December 21st 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting