

Selectboard Memo
January 18, 2016 SB Meeting

Park ‘n Ride Discussion on Potential Level 2 Charging Station: Bill Powell, WEC

- Town now officially owns the WEC garage property; park ‘n ride is in the final design stage; should be applying for necessary permits in the very near future
- Mr. Powell is here to offer the town a Level 2 charging station for the park ‘n ride facility (WEC is operating under a VELCO-affiliated grant); there is no cost to the town for installation or service/maintenance (five years); town will have the option at the end of five years to either take over the costs or have WEC remove the station; the town will need to enter into a cooperative agreement with WEC
- The electric costs are borne by the town; ChargePoint, the station manufacturer, would provide any necessary network services; assuming the town sets up a rate plan (the Stowe tariff is provided as an example), ChargePoint would get 10% of the take

Discussion on Rutland Town Resolution on Municipal Input into the PSB CPG Siting of Renewable Energy Facilities Process

- Our state representative, Tony Klein, will be here to discuss the issue of municipal input in the Public Service Board’s Certificate of Public Good process for renewal energy facilities
- The Rutland Town resolution calls on the legislature to enhance the current level of municipal input into the PSB process

Discussion on BDE East Montpelier Lazar Solar, LLC 500 kW Solar Facility PSB CPG Application on Cassani Property

- The formal application was submitted January 4th; the PSB has determined that the comment period will close February 4th; motions to intervene and request a hearing would be due by that deadline
- Abutting neighbor Zachary Sances has already filled a motion to intervene; the EM Planning Commission has a motion under consideration

Discussion on Clarification of Planning Commission Role as Available Alternate at Development Review Board Hearings

- There is a current vacancy on the DRB due to the untimely death of Betsy Catlin; Ray Stout, newly appointed PC member, has agreed to fill in at the February 2nd DRB meeting
- The February 2010 Selectboard resolution creating the DRB included the clause:
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board has appointed six alternate members of the Development Review Board from the Planning Commission whose terms will coincide with their elected terms
 - It would be helpful for the SB to clarify that clause so that it is clear that our process matches the resolution; currently we treat any sitting member of the PC, not already a full member of the DRB, as an alternate member of the DRB available to sit in on hearings when needed (due to absences, conflicts, etc.)
 - The DRB Rules of Procedure do not mention alternates; in conjunction with any SB effort to clarify the original resolution, the SB should request/order the DRB to include the alternate member concept in the Rules of Procedure

Discussion on Planning for Winston/Silberberg Property

- Review of the recent inspection and public comments on the property use; need to develop next steps with an eye toward 2016 Town Meeting

Consideration of FY2017 Capital Plan

- The Capital Improvement Committee has submitted a full plan for board consideration; the SB should adopt some version of the plan; the Executive Summary (essentially the basic summary of first 10 years of the plan) goes into the Annual Report as the conceptual spending plan for the Capital Reserve Fund
- The plan absorbs the entire cost of the Winston/Silberberg property purchase in year 2016; the upcoming 10-wheeler vehicle purchases are presumed to be by 5-year lease to spread costs out; the SB

may want to evaluate the possibility of reworking the anticipated paving timing to avoid negative balances

Development of Signpost Article on Town Meeting Issues

- The Signpost's Edie Miller has requested an article for the Town Meeting issue that includes the following:
 - Blurb on Conservation Fund Warning article
 - Blurb on Recreation Board Warning article
 - Update on Winston/Silberberg property

Development of Selectboard Report for 2015 Annual Report

- See draft report

Discussion on FY2017 Budget Development

- All budget lines now reflect final information from outside agencies; winter sand line dropped by \$10,000; other highway lines remain same
- Draft shows:
 - Selectboard budget of \$2,111,578, up \$121,288 (6.1%)
 - Fund balance use of \$75,000, up from \$0 last year
 - Anticipated non-tax revenues of \$375,539, down \$51 (0.01%)
 - Budget article \$1,667,039, up \$46,339 (2.86%)
 - Separate voted articles of \$110,258, up \$12,150 (12.4%)
 - Projected town tax rate of 0.5964, up 0.0172 from 0.5792 (2.97%)

Discussion on 2016 Town Meeting Warning

- No petitions for articles submitted by January 14th deadline; since the statutory deadline for such petitions was moved up a week by the legislature last year, there is no mandatory reason why the Warning can't be approved at this meeting (previously we had to wait until a post-21st meeting date)
- All monetary articles now have as-requested figures; the town expense article reflects the draft budget

Town Administrator Report

- EMFD Response to Joint Town Letter of Concern:
 - EMFD would prefer to table this issue until there is an actual proposal for the expansion of the ambulance service to additional towns
- Meeting Schedule:
 - January 25th 6:30 pm Special SB meeting (may be unnecessary)
 - February 1st 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting
 - February 15th 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting
 - February 29th 6:30 pm Special SB meeting (post-forum/pre-town meeting)

Zoning Administrator Report

- See permit activity for 2016
- Next DRB meeting is on February 2, 2016
 - Hearings on Orchard Valley Waldorf School tipi & platform; Laquerre 2-lot subdivision of recently purchased Rappaport woodlot