

**Selectboard Memo**  
**August 1, 2016 SB Meeting**

**\*\*\* This Meeting Will Be Audio Taped \*\*\***

**Discussion with Ellery Packard on Pine Ridge Road Issues**

- Ellery Packard and his attorney Stephen Reynes will be present to discuss concerns with Pine Ridge Road, the slide at the road-end cul-de-sac, and issues of liability for the problems

**Delinquent Tax Collector Report**

- Karen Gramer, East Montpelier Collector of Delinquent Taxes

**Setting of the 2016/2017 Property Tax Rates**

- See tax worksheet and Listers 411 document
- Grand list is \$2,990,262.01; up \$22,789.72 (0.77%) from last year
- Resident (homestead) tax rate: 2.5509; down 0.0070 (0.27%) from last year
- Non-resident tax rate: 2.2198; up 0.0064 (0.29%) from last year
- Need motion to set the 2016/17 property tax rates

**Consideration of Homestead Filing Penalty Waiver**

- 32 VSA §5410 sets a penalty for late filing of homestead declaration (i.e., after April 15<sup>th</sup>); we are a town with a higher homestead rate, so the standard penalty is 8% if late in declaring homestead & 3% if incorrect in declaring homestead when should be non-residential
- Selectboard can decline to charge the penalty if so chooses; at this point we show **11** properties affected by the penalty for this upcoming tax year
- Board can also abate the penalty in cases of hardship under the following circumstances:
  - Full-time active military duty of declarant outside state
  - Serious illness or disability of declarant
  - Serious illness, disability, or death of immediate family member of declarant
  - Fire, flood, or other disaster
- We've received a letter from a homeowner that filed for a tax extension due to a medical emergency; did not understand that the extension did not operate to toll the deadline for filing homestead status; the homeowner is requesting a waiver of the penalty
- Need to determine (by motion) if will/won't charge penalty; if choose to charge, deal with the individual homeowner's request

**Consideration of Adopted CVRPC Regional Plan**

- The Central VT Regional Planning Commission has adopted a new regional plan; CVRPC's constituent communities can "veto" the plan if a majority of the governing bodies reject the plan within 35 days – deadline here would be August 15<sup>th</sup>

**Development of Charge to the Charter Committee**

- The SB decided to recall the Charter Committee at the board's July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with the intent of crafting the formal charge at this meeting
- The first meeting of the recalled committee will be held Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.; none of the original members have declined the opportunity to serve again

**Consideration of Capital Reserve Fund Use for Minor Renovations to Templeton Road Fire Station**

- Carpenter's bill for work on the fire station is on this meeting's warrant; the east (old) wing of the station is ready for use by the town for winter storage of the excavator and grader (both fit, with a tiny margin for error)
- The town's capital plan now anticipates this type of work (there is no budget line for such rehabilitation); capital plan elements require SB motions to approve capital reserve fund use

## **Consideration of Signpost Article Regarding Conservation Summit**

- The Conservation Summit is set for October 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the ESF
- The Signpost would like to run a short blurb on the event; see draft

## **Additions to Agenda:**

- **CVSWMD Request for a Selectboard Representative on new Project Advisory Committee**
  - In response to Chair Gardner's challenge earlier this year to better involve Selectboards/City Councils in its operations, CVSWMD is seeking to form an advisory committee of legislative body leaders (one from each town/city); the intent is to meet 3-4 times, with the first meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. in Montpelier

## **Town Administrator Report**

- Update on Meeting with Gus Seelig, Executive Director of VT Housing & Conservation Board:
  - Mr. Seelig has agreed to meet with the SB at the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting; this will be the first agenda item at that meeting
- Planning Commission Request:
  - The PC would like SB members to attend the PC's September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to discuss EM Village infrastructure and maintenance of same, anticipated future facility and infrastructure needs, as well as potential locations for planned elements; this request is part of the PC's EM Village Master Plan development; the discussion would be the first agenda item, likely listed as 7:05 to 8:00 p.m.
  - Alternative dates are September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Possible Community Event for Village Sidewalk Project:
  - Now that we're entering the right-of-way phase of the Village Sidewalk project, we need to hold another public forum; projected dates are in late September – Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> is a top pick; the ESF is the likely location
- State Government Municipal Day:
  - September 9<sup>th</sup>, 8-4:15 p.m. at National Life; \$25 registration fee
- EM Fire District #1 Update:
  - At its monthly meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> the Prudential Committee produced a letter to the community the laments the lack of progress in purchasing the Crystal Springs Water System and includes the possibility of the dissolution of the fire district
  - The town will be sending out the letter along with a variety of attachments to the fire district's property owners, registered voters, and water system customers
- Meeting Schedule:
  - August 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm LaPerle Farm Committee meeting
  - August 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Charter Committee meeting
  - August 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
  - August 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Special Selectboard meeting
  - September 9<sup>th</sup> 8-4 State Government Municipal Day
  - September 10<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2 pm Mini Rally Day for EM Village

## **Zoning Administrator Report**

- 3 new permit applications since July 11, 2016
- Next DRB meeting is on August 2, 2016
  - 2-lot subdivision of the remainder lot (Lot 9) from the 2006 Wells (Captain Kidd Road) subdivision

## **Personnel Matters**