

Selectboard Memo
March 5, 2018 SB Meeting

Discussion with Recreation Board: Consideration of EMRB Rules of Procedure

- Our third try at this discussion: Members of the Recreation Board will be here to discuss the draft updates to the 2010 EM Recreation Committee Policies & Procedures Manual
- The amended document requires ratification by the SB

Conversation with Central VT Regional Planning Commission

- **Julie Potter, CVRPC Town Representative and Executive Committee Chair**
- **Bonnie Waninger, CVRPC Executive Director** (may not be available)
- No particular topic of conversation; just a general discussion

Review of 2018 Draft Town Plan

- The Planning Commission has set its formal hearing on the draft plan for March 22nd; 7:00 p.m. at the town office; formal notice will be in the Times Argus tomorrow
- The PC has reiterated its request that the SB review the draft in advance of the hearing and provide comments/concerns in a timely fashion so that they can be dealt with during the final update process before the PC hands the plan off to the SB; the desire is to hand off a plan that the SB can deal with expeditiously (fully understanding that things can come up that could derail the process) with a targeted adoption date of June 4th

Consideration of Grant Documents:

- **Contract with DuBois & King for Engineering Services Involving the Intersection of the EM Village Sidewalk Project with the Petroleum Contamination Zone Between Dudley's Store and the Lamb Residence**
 - The town, as part of the EM Village sidewalk project, is responsible for ensuring that nothing interferes with the Dudley's Store contamination zone (the gas-polluted material that flows east under US Rte. 2 right at the Lamb residence) and the associated remediation infrastructure; the costs of investigation and planning are covered by the Petroleum Cleanup Fund administered by ANR; our duty is to contract with DuBois & King to handle the effort and then, basically, get out of the way; D&K will work with ANR directly and all invoices will go to & be paid by the PCF administration
 - The board should authorize TA Johnson to sign the contract once minor language concerns are ironed out
- **VTrans Grant Agreement for the High Risk Rural Roads Sign Project on County Road**
 - This is the formal grant agreement to finally move forward the sign project we last worked on in late 2015; this is a 100% state funded grant (all federal monies); town costs only kick in if we ask for alterations after the plans are approved; the state will put the project (as one of a bundle) out to bid apparently this year
 - Board should authorize TA Johnson to complete the grant agreement

Work Session for 2018 Town Meeting

- Discussion on results of Town Forum and prep for Town Meeting

Liquor License Renewals

- Three standard second class license to sell renewals:
 - Dudley's Store
 - Plainfield Hardware
 - Morse Farm
- Board members need to sign the forms after approval

Access Permit:

➤ **18-002 Rauh Curb Cut**

- Shift of agricultural field access (approved under 17-003) to single-family residential in support of a 2-lot subdivision the Rauhs are pursuing; Road Foreman Perry recommends approval; a birch tree will be removed to improve sight lines

Town Administrator Report

- Perchlik Appeals of BCA Decisions to State Hearing Officer:
 - Once again the hearing officer has ruled in favor of the landowner:
 - Parcel at 2195 VT Rte. 14 N:
 - Assessed value dropped from \$147,300 to \$105,000 effective April 1, 2016; this will result in a taxpayer credit of approximately \$1,900 for the past two tax years
 - Parcel at 174 Coburn Road:
 - Assessed value dropped from \$276,900 to \$240,000 effective April 1, 2016; this will result in a taxpayer credit of approximately \$1,700 for the past two tax years
 - Going forward these changes will cost the town a total of about \$500 in foregone municipal taxes; the town won't be responsible for making up the lost education tax revenue like it is when dealing with prior/current tax years
- EM Park 'n Ride Update:
 - Negotiations with the LaPerle family continue regarding the boundary adjustment intended to vest ownership in the town of all the land east of the park 'n ride; the LaPerles would like the new lines between their home parcel and the town-owned Old LaPerle Farm parcel to run just outside (from the LaPerle perspective) of the tree line surrounding the golf green; in order to accomplish this, the town will need to agree to a boundary adjustment that gives more land to the LaPerles than we get back (perhaps as much as 0.05 acre more)
- Mud Season Posting Notice from VTrans:
 - The Selectboard is responsible for posting notice of the legal weight limits for town highways during mud season; the notice is provided by VTrans
- Meeting Schedule:
 - March 6th 9:30 am Town Meeting at EMES
 - March 19th 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
 - March 22nd 7:00 pm PC hearing on draft 2018 Town Plan
 - April 9th 6:30 pm "Special" regular Selectboard meeting
 - April 23rd 6:30 pm "Special" regular Selectboard meeting

Zoning Administrator Report

- Two applications in 2018 to this point
- No upcoming DRB meeting scheduled as yet, although the expectation is that there will be an April 3, 2018 meeting for multiple applications, including 2 subdivisions and 1 commercial fill request