

Selectboard Memo
November 5, 2018 SB Meeting

Additions to Agenda:

- **Consideration of Resolution for Section 125 Premium Only Plan Document**
 - As part of the shift to the BRS BCBSVT health plan with a health reimbursement account component, the town needed to submit its Section 125 plan (to allow premium deductions to be made pre-tax) to the HRA management firm; the town has never had a formal version, so a plan was crafted with the assistance of VLCT and Hickok & Boardman (the broker for VLCT's policies); the board needs to adopt the plan resolution and authorize TA Johnson to sign
- **Consideration of Access Permit Application 18-048**
 - Joy Partridge & Jamie Huntsman, 230 Fitch Road, are requesting a shift in location of their main curb cut serving their old farmhouse; there is a second curb cut on the parcel serving the barn; this is a terrain-challenged lot; Road Foreman Guthrie Perry requested this change to allow for improved road drainage through this area; the existing access will no longer serve the house, but will remain in existence as a minimal use forestry road entrance

Central VT Internet Communications Union District Update: Bob Klein, EM CVI Board Representative

- Mr. Klein will be here to discuss the first six months of activity and upcoming plans

Meeting with Central VT Solid Waste Management District's General Manager Bruce Westcott

- Mr. Westcott will be here for a general discussion on CVSWM programs and its FY2020 budget

Discussion on Potential Town Garage Property Projects and Consideration of Committee to Develop the Projects

- The Capital Improvement Committee has placed a potential project on the town garage property at the top of its priority list
- Next year is expected to be the last where sand sheds are a targeted project type under the VTrans transportation enhancement grant program
- The property has a dearth of cold and heated covered storage options

Discussion on Cemetery Commission v. Cemetery Committee

- Preliminary discussion on the concept: the board needs to determine if it wants to move forward with an effort to shift care of the town cemeteries from a cemetery commission model to a cemetery committee model; if so, it will need to develop a warning article to make the shift; this does not need to be a charter change; Cemetery Commission members will attend a later meeting to discuss a potential shift in detail

Consideration of NEMRC Annual Support Agreement

- Annual maintenance and support agreement for our suite of NEMRC database modules
- Last year \$1,376.96; this year \$1,418.26, the standard 3.0% increase

East Montpelier Gully Jumpers Snowmobile Club Request for Designated Town Road Usage for Trail Crossings

- See letter for the annual request for use of town roads to allow non-direct road crossings in certain limited circumstances; if comfortable, need motion accepting request

Discussion of Upcoming Holiday & Meeting Schedules

- **Holidays:**
 - The town office staff would prefer to stay open on Veterans Day (as always, the first tax installment deadline is just days away); the town road crew will take the day off (hunting season)
 - This year Christmas and New Year's Eves are on Mondays; it would be appreciated if the board would allow the town office to be closed both days as paid holidays
- **Meeting Schedule:**
 - December is a busy month, with expected meeting dates on the 3rd, 6th, 10th, and 17th
 - The board should also determine a date for the annual town volunteer appreciation party
 - The January schedule lines up better than the recent years, with the regular meetings on the 7th & 21st

Delinquent Tax Collector Report

- **Consideration of Debt Cancellation of Town Overpayment to Clayton**
 - The town has been in the process of collecting overpaid credits from FY18; of the 6 overpayments, 3 are fully paid, one is in repayment, and two remain unpaid; we've been informed that the Sandy Pines mobile home owned by one of those two is going through the equivalent of foreclosure and the owner no longer lives at that location; we do not know where the person has gone; the amount owed by that person is \$8.82; Town Treasurer Welch is requesting that the board agree to waive that repayment obligation
- Of the six properties authorized by the board to go to tax sale, 3 have paid the delinquencies, 1 is under a repayment agreement, the Estate of Laundry delinquency has been abated, leaving just one parcel, which is currently for sale; the board needs to decide if it still wants to move forward with that tax sale and it should also review the delinquent tax list to determine if there are additional properties that should be included in any upcoming tax sale

Town Administrator Report

- Plans to Deal with the Effects of the Emerald Ash Borer:
 - Workshop on preparedness and management scheduled for November 28th, 4-6 p.m.
 - Grants are available to municipalities for the development of plans to deal with the issues
- EMFD Concern with Mailing Address v. 911 Address Issue:
 - EMFD would like the town to mail notice to all town residents that have Montpelier or Plainfield mailing addresses to remind them that they must state that they live in East Montpelier when providing a street address to emergency dispatchers/responders
- Vermont Compost Company Act 250 Proceedings:
 - Barb & Steve LaRosa have submitted a motion to alter a recent permit amendment authorizing the erection of two large pop-up shelters on the Montpelier property; the town is a party to the proceeding and can participate in this matter if so desired
- Meeting Schedule:
 - November 6th 7am – 7pm General election at EMES
 - November 19th 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
 - December 3rd 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
 - December 6th 7:00 pm Joint Calais/EM/EMFD budget meeting at ESF
 - December 10th 7:00 pm Tentative joint Calais/EM meeting on EMFD budget at Calais

Zoning Administrator Report

- 2 new applications since the October 15th SB meeting; 47 total so far this year
- Next DRB meeting will be held November 6, 2018; the only hearing is the long-continued Carriveau site plan review for the resumption of a used car sales & service use at 2952 US Rte. 2