

Selectboard Memo August 19, 2019 SB Meeting

Conversation with Development Review Board Candidates

- Interested persons include Leslie Drown, Lauren Oates, and Rose Wallstrom

Consideration of EMFD Capital Reserve Fund Use for Replacement of Rescue 4 (an ambulance)

- The East Montpelier Fire Department is requesting the use of up to \$30,000 from the EMFD Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a used ambulance from Williston to replace Rescue 4

Discussion on Future Capital Projects Questionnaire

The Capital Improvement Committee annually requests town entities to list potential projects to allow the committee to properly plan for the projects; possible projects for the board to include:

- **Potential Town Garage Upgrades**
 - A committee has been set up to study the situation and determine a potential project scope; first meeting is scheduled for September 30th, 3 p.m. at the town garage
- **Potential Town Office Upgrades**
 - The town office is on borrowed time – the last major work was done in the mid-1980s; at the time it was expected that the town would gain 15 years of usage before having to consider a new office concept; 35 years later ...
 - Cacicio Heating is developing an estimate for a multi-zone heat pump heating/cooling system; installing such a system should extend the life of the furnace due to diminished use (only on cold days)
 - Exactly who will do the repair on town office exterior wall still needs to be determined; a carpenter is available to do the work next week

Consideration of SB Letter Regarding Proposed Fairmont Dairy/VT Land Trust Conservation Project

- The second Fairmont Dairy/VT Land Trust conservation project of the old Lylehaven Farm property, this one of the main farm area, is moving toward a late-September VHCB funding review; VLT is requesting a letter from the Selectboard (and also the Planning Commission) detailing its stance on the project; there is also a trails easement component to the conservation project that will likely lead to a conservation fund usage request, but that is not yet before the board
- See draft of a possible “full support” letter; the requested letter is due prior to the September 24th VHCB meeting

Discussion on EM Conservation Commission Proposal

- Conservation Fund Advisory Committee members Charles Johnson and Bruce Howlett have developed a proposal for the establishment of a town conservation commission, which would then take over the management of a variety of committees focused on natural resource type issues; this proposal might also lead to the independent EM Trails Association either dissolving or splitting off part of its responsibilities (specifically the trails maintenance) in favor of town management
- Establishment of a conservation commission is by town vote or through a charter provision; at its August 5th meeting the board proposed holding a October 2019 town forum on the concept; the current proposal is slightly tweaked from the version presented on August 5th; the changes, other than minor edits, are in the “Recommendations” area at the end – this has been expanded as a result of feedback

Appointments

- **DRB Vacancy [Potential Executive Session]**
 - Any appointment would be for the remainder of Alice Dworkin’s term through March 2020
- **Recreation Board Vacancy:**
 - The Recreation Board recommends appointment of Darci Coleman-Graves to the vacant 3-year term through March 2022

Access Permits

➤ 19-042; Wanzer/Faesy use change at 515 Kelton Road

- The 2018 Faulkner/Guion subdivision of the former Frost property at 445 Kelton Road included an access easement off Kelton Road through new Lot 2 (a 7-acre lot with the existing house) to new Lot 1 (an undeveloped 35-acre parcel with no road frontage); prospective buyers of Lot 2 do not like the easement running through the lot; the DRB is considering an amendment to the subdivision to place the access easement on the adjoining Wanzer/Faesy parcel to allow access to Lot 1 on the existing driveway serving the Wanzer/Faesy and Osborne/Liebermann homes
- Road Foreman Perry recommends approval

Town Administrator Report

- The EMFD Codling Road dry hydrant project will be constructed this week
- FY2020 property tax bills have been sent out
- Update on FY2020 Better Roads Grant:
 - Grant agreement for Horn of the Moon project is now fully executed
- Planning Commission Vacancy:
 - Jay Stewart has stepped down; his term expires Town Meeting Day 2020; elected position so vacancy notice needs to be posted within 10 days; the PC will evaluate candidates at its September 5th meeting and expects to forward a recommendation to the SB for consideration on September 9th
- Meeting Schedule:
 - September 9, 2019 6:30 p.m. Selectboard special meeting
 - September 23, 2019 6:30 p.m. Selectboard special meeting
 - October 7, 2019 6:30 p.m. Selectboard regular meeting

Zoning Administrator Report

- 6 new applications since August 5th SB meeting; 44 applications so far in 2019
- The next DRB meeting is September 3, 2019; 4 hearings on the docket, including setback waivers at 720 Templeton Road and 550 Coburn Road, a change of use for the 50 Packard Road parcel to allow Vermont Country Camper to operate a service and general office adjunct location, and the above-described subdivision revision at 445 Kelton Road