

Selectboard Memo October 7, 2019 SB Meeting

Additions to Agenda:

- **Update on Cross VT Trail Conservation Fund Use Request from Conservation Fund Advisory Committee**
 - The committee is meeting on October 7th at 6:30 p.m., also at the town office, to discuss the Cross VT Trail request; some members of the committee will then participate in the conservation commission discussion with the Selectboard; this would be a prime opportunity to receive an update on the committee's decision or process to reach said decision

Consideration of Feedback on Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Bonnie Waninger, CVRPC Executive Director
Zachary Maia, CVRPC Planner**

- Ms. Waninger and Mr. Maia will present an updated draft of the plan that reflects changes/additions in light of feedback on the submitted draft plan from VT Emergency Management; Mr. Maia has taken over from Jonathan DeLaBruere, who developed the first draft, but has since left CVRPC

Consideration of EMFD Ambulance Proposal

- The East Montpelier Fire Department is requesting the use of up to \$136,000 from the EMFD Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a 2016 demo ambulance from FESCO Emergency Sales to replace Rescue 3; the demo cost is \$175,000 (approximately \$50,000 off list), including lettering and delivery, with a total \$39,000 trade-in credit for both Rescue 3 & 4
- This proposal will be before the Calais Selectboard on October 14th

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
- Mr. Johnson & Mr. Howlett presented the original proposal at the Selectboard's August 5th meeting; the current proposal, which was originally presented at the SB's August 19th meeting, 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; Mr. Howlett and Mr. Johnson were not at the August 19th meeting; board members had a number of questions regarding the revisions, so this is essentially a second presentation of the revised proposal, this time with the proposers in attendance
- Establishment of a conservation commission is by town vote or through a charter provision

Report from the VT League of Cities & Towns Annual Meeting

Carl Etnier, EM Delegate for VLCT Annual Meeting

- Mr. Etnier will provide a synopsis of the annual meeting and, perhaps, other aspects of the 2019 VLCT Town Fair

Access Permits

- **19-055; Sikora, 975 Sanders Circle**
 - The Sikoras have requested a second curb cut at their property on Sanders Circle to allow access down to a large landing to the north of their house where a garage/barn for large equipment will be constructed; there is no way to easily access the site, especially by trucks, from the south part of the parcel as the top slot (between the house and the road) is blocked by a new septic tank and sharp slope and the lower (between the house and the brook) is blocked both by moist soils and an uphill climb

- The curb cut is at the location of a trails/ag access; the slot has recently been improved to allow the Sikoras to replace a failed septic; the desire is to leave the improvements in place
- Under EM Land Use & Development Regulation Section 3.3(D)(1)(d), a second curb cut may be allowed due to unusual circumstances as determined by the Selectboard

Town Administrator Report

- EMFD Chief Rolland has provided information regarding CARE, the Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies
 - This is a voluntary registry designed for elders or for people with certain disabilities for whom emergency events, if prolonged, can become life-threatening if no one is available to help
 - See <https://e911.vermont.gov/care> for information on the registry and how to register
 - Emergency responders can access the registry
- Zoning Enforcement Concerns:
 - Potential junkyard on Clark Road
- Recreation Field Project Update
 - The DRB-sanctioned zoning permit for the replacement of the concession stand/shed has been issued; expect to see the new shed in place within a month
- Meeting Schedule:

○ October 21, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Selectboard regular meeting
○ October 25, 2019	All day	State Government Municipal Day event
○ November 4, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Selectboard regular meeting
○ November 5, 2019	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Special school district vote at EMES

Zoning Administrator Report

- 7 new applications since September 23rd SB meeting; 59 applications so far in 2019
- The next DRB meeting is November 5, 2019; the meeting will include the biennial compliance review of the Casella transfer station permit; at this point there is also a hearing for a two-lot subdivision of the Clemons 435 Guyette Road parcel; more applications for hearings are anticipated