

Selectboard Memo
March 2, 2020 SB Meeting

Additions to Agenda

- **Cemetery Committee Request to Purchase a Zero-Turn Mower**
 - Sexton Morse has provided a Tucker Machines quote for a Scag Tiger Cat II, 52" mower with a 22 Hp Kawasaki, for \$7,750; also checked out offering from John Deere and Kubota; both the cities of Montpelier & Barre have purchased Scag mowers
 - The purchase fits within the board's authorization of up to \$10,000 from the capital reserve fund for a zero-turn mower and trailer
- **Consideration of EM Village Sidewalk Project Contract for Construction Inspection Services**
 - Using the VTrans at-the-ready process, Stantec has provided a solid construction inspection services proposal at a below-estimated cost (\$44,414 compared to an estimated \$56,500; the selection committee is comfortable with the Stantec offering and would like to extend a contract offer
 - If comfortable, board should authorize TA Johnson to complete the agreement

Update from Resilient Roads Committee Regarding Emerald Ash Borer and Ash Tree Management Plan

- Committee Chair Jeff Cueto and Town Tree Warden Paul Cate will present the update

Consideration of VT Forests, Parks & Recreation Emerald Ash Borer Program Grant

- \$15,000 50/50 grant to fund the ash tree management pilot project at U-32 and the Gallison Hill area; minimum 50% town match is expected; the match can be in-kind, with volunteer time at \$25/hour
- If comfortable, authorize TA Johnson to complete the paperwork

Consideration of Certificate of No Appeal of Suit Pending for 2019 Grant List

- The town has no outstanding appeals of grand list assessments; in compliance with 32 V.S.A. §4155, the Listers and Selectboard members certify this fact; board members should sign the form

Consideration of Liquor License Applications

- **Annual License Renewals: Dudley's Store & Plainfield Hardware**
 - Standard second class license to sell renewals; board members need to sign forms after approval

Work Session for 2020 Town Meeting

- Discussion on results of town forum and prep for town meeting
- A question that came up at town forum was the East Montpelier ridership on the US2 Commuter; the charts provided by GMT show something around 1.2-1.4 riders/day (301 for FY19; 190 for 6 months of FY20; 5 days/week service); we haven't seen RCT figures for a few years, but in the past the EM ridership on RCT was about two-thirds of GMT; projecting that forward provides a general figure – around 2-2.5 riders/day

Town Administrator Report

- CVRPC Notices on Regional Events of Possible Interest:
 - May 2 - 8 Community Transit Week 2020
 - Designed to spread awareness of public transit options in the central VT region
 - CVRPC is asking the Selectboard to adopt a resolution in support of the event
 - March 25, 2020 Meeting to Discuss Act 76 RFP for Selection of Clean Water Service Providers
 - The CWSPs for each regional watershed (we're in the Winooski Basin) will administer the program designed to help the state meet its clean water goals; the CWSPs are responsible for project selection, implementation and maintenance; each CWSP will have a basin council of local experts (including at least two municipal representatives) to provide guidance; this program will replace the existing ANR grant funding methodologies for clean water projects, including the municipal grants-in-aid program that we have participated in for the past three years

- This meeting is setting the stage for the Winooski Basin program; if the town wants to be directly involved from the outset, it may want to participate; otherwise there will be numerous other opportunities as the process moves forward
- CVRPC may submit a proposal to be the Winooski Basin's CWSP (due beginning of May); if so, the town will likely be asked to provide a letter of support
- Update on Proposed Sale of LaPerle Farm Parcel:
 - The boundary adjustment to separate the farmhouse site from the rest of the LaPerle parcel is nearing completion; the permit is issued and is currently in the appeal window; required mylar should be filed this week
 - Mr. Fontaine is moving forward with the proposed purchase; he is currently working to finalize an arrangement that will allow him to purchase the parcel outright (no town financing)
- Meeting Schedule:

○ March 3, 2020	9:30 am	Town Meeting at EMES
○ March 16, 2020	6:30 pm	Selectboard regular meeting
○ March 30, 2020	6:30 pm	Selectboard "special" meeting
○ April 9, 2020	7:00 pm	EMFD budget review & update at ESF
○ April 13, 2020	6:30 pm	Selectboard "special" meeting

Zoning Administrator Report

- 3 new applications since the February 17th SB meeting; 3 applications total in 2020
- The next DRB meeting is March 10, 2020; one warned hearing on a side setback waiver request for a proposed house addition at 1283 North Street