

Select Board Members
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 X Mary Just Skinner,
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 X William Callnan
 Steve Martin
 X Liz Scharf

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MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
5:00 PM
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PRESENT: Chair Peter Hood, Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner, Members Bill Callnan and Liz Scharf. Town Recreation Director Mitch Osiecki and Road Foreman Paul Cerminara. Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant.

Call to Order

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed Mitch. The agenda was amended to include driveway permits for Mark Elliott and Troy and Aimee Sumner, also to designate a Select Board Member to serve as the Board's representative on the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's Community Services Project Advisory Committee.

Town Recreation Department Updates

Mitch apprised the Board of the many improvements he's made to the Town recreation facilities by Rumney School, including having the drains on the tennis courts professionally cleaned, installing new net cranks that were found in the building that he had unlocked, organized and relocked, finding and tuning up a Town-owned mower, as well as weeding, sweeping, etc. He also contacted Onion River Soccer, which has used the field in the past, and notified them that they must seek approval from him before using the field. This is to avoid overuse and conflicts with other sports. He said Hartigan was going to inspect the latrine at the recreation building and advise whether it should be used. Peter noted that if it's a safety concern, then the Town should close it down.

There are several lights burned out on the tennis courts. Since the Board has a grant from Energy Efficient Vermont to switch all the Town lights to LED for environmental and savings reasons, it might be a good idea to investigate whether the tennis courts would be covered under that plan. Peter also suggested Mitch hold off on reactivating the coin-operated meter for the lights until the Town can gauge how often they are being used.

Re: cracks on the tennis courts, Mitch has weeded those and is investigating resurfacing options. Peter and Bill reiterated their suggestion that he try Nicom, a company that seals cracks in parking lots, a much more affordable option. And it would be a good idea for those cracks to be sealed before winter to offset further damage.

Mitch said the soccer goals are not only in poor condition, but they are too large for the age groups using them. He presented the Board with several options to purchase new ones. Mary said she thought the school should purchase them since they would use them the most. But Liz pointed out that if the Town is going to have a Town Rec Field, it should invest in Town equipment that can be used by the community, not just when school is open.

The Board reviewed the goal (and net) options and liked the Forza 6'X12' aluminum set weighing 48lbs for \$850.

MOTION: Peter moved and Bill seconded expending \$850 from the Town's discretionary fund to purchase the Forza 6' X 12' goals for the Town Rec Field. The motion passed.

Mitch asked for the Board's input on skateboard/bike riding on the tennis courts. Peter said he preferred they stay off the tennis courts, especially the bikes. Mitch said he was thinking of making it a policy that skateboarding be allowed as long as no one was playing tennis or basketball. Also, no ramps. The Board concurred.

The Board and Mitch discussed the history of the winter ice-skating rink and whether that can resume.

Mitch inquired about the transfer of the Shady Rill picnic area from the State to the Town. Bill reiterated that the Town needs to remember to budget that for next year and that Sarah should check with the State to see what progress was being made on their end.

Mitch said Paul Cerminara, who has a private landscaping business on the side, had been mowing the Town fields this summer. The Board agreed that was fine for this year, but that the project should be bid out for 2017 since there will be a lot of green spaces to mow: the Walt Kelley Park by the Fire Station, the Shady Rill picnic area, the 1-acre lot on Three Mile Bridge Road, the Bandstand and the Rec Fields. Also, it might be better for whomever gets the mowing contract to use their own mower so the Town can sell its Yard King, which is 15 years old.

Highway Department Updates

Paul said the Road Crew this week finished preparing Shady Rill Road for resurfacing. In the process, they discovered that nearly all the culverts had been installed before the houses were built on the hill so they had to be replaced due to old age and poor placement. It will take two days for Whitcomb to resurface and, by then, it is likely school will be back in session. Paul said he would coordinate with Rumney Principal Adam Rosen.

Winter Sand: Paul is preparing to put that out to bid. In other news, he said the new Road Crew hire, Tyler Wells, was working out well. Mary asked if Molly Supple would get narrower as promised and Paul said she could expect it to narrow by five feet. Next year, Paul said he wants to concentrate on general road maintenance since two big, state-funded projects – the large box culvert at Shady Rill and the repaving project - have consumed a lot of Road Crew time. Using the Highway Department has saved the taxpayers a lot of money, but now other roads need attention.

Peter asked Sarah to contact the Sheriff and make sure speed patrols were in force once the paving was completed.

Renting a Speed Detector for Town Roads

This item was passed over because the Board needed more detailed information.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: Bill moved and Mary seconded approval of the July 26, 2016 Select Board Minutes. The motion passed.

Motion: Bill moved and Liz seconded Jason Merrill's reappointment as Town Fire Warden. The motion passed.

The Board passed over appointing a Select Board delegate to the VLCT annual business meeting.

All orders were signed.

The Board reviewed driveway permits for Mark Elliott and Troy & Aimee Sumner. Peter signed them.

Motion: Peter moved and Bill seconded appointing Liz to serve as Town representative on the CVSWMD Community Services Project Advisory Committee.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

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