

Approved

Minutes of the 5/10/11 Select Board Meeting

Present: Peter Hood, Matt Dwire, Mary Alexander, Cindy Carlson, Gary Lamell, Kevin Goss, Chris Mears

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Motion: Mary Alexander moves to accept the Merchants Bank refinance note for \$13,600 for the 2007 Backhoe refinance. Matt seconds, motion carries.

Gary Lamell, Road Commissioner

Chris Mears is the trustee for her father's trust which owns 10.6 acres in Middlesex with additional acreage in Montpelier. The property has been on the market for 2.5 years and they may now have a buyer. Chris's real estate agent suggested the property be divided into two parcels and sell separate. The property is off Town Highway #28, which is a trail. They are asking if the trail can be upgraded by the landowners and have the land owners maintain the trail and be granted vehicle access. Access would be from Portal Road and is 1/5 of a mile. The Board advised a Public Hearing would need to be held to hear comments and then the Board would determine if permission could be given to upgrade the road.

The Towns Culvert Policy is discussed. Typically if a homeowners needs to obtain a driveway permit, the Town has been selling a culvert at cost to the property owner and if the town is doing road work in the area may help install the culvert as time permits. The Town will not leave people blocked in their driveway. Many towns install culverts and are responsible for maintaining the conditions of driveway permits.

Motion: Mary Alexander move to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Matt seconds. Motion carries. The Board goes into executive session at 6:05 pm. Gary Lamell and Cindy Carlson are invited into executive session.

Motion: Matt moves to come out of executive session. Mary Alexander seconds. Motion carries. The Board comes out of executive session at 6:40 pm. Gary Lamell, Road Commissioner, has submitted a time-line for his retirement in 2011. An advertisement for a Road Foreman will be placed in the paper and on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns website for publication in June 2011.

Gary is asked if he saw the sign on McCullough Hill Road with Gary's name and phone number. It is suggested that Gary obtain estimates on what it would cost to completely rebuild Molly Supple Hill Road. Gary has started to put some preliminary numbers together, approximately \$500,000, to

rebuild Molly Supple Hill. The Board feels residents should know what these types of improvements would cost.

Gary reports that he will hire an excavator to repair the culvert on Shady Rill Road. Gary will try and have the grader rebuilt during July. A grader may need to be rented while the Town grader is being rebuilt. The Kiosk will be installed at the Red Hen Bakery in June.

Correspondence

Natural Resources Conservation notice that assistance is available through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program for eligible public and private landowners experiencing flood damage.

The Board agrees to vote Yes on the Washington Electric Ballot

The Board discusses the Constable position. An ad will be placed in the paper recruiting a second constable.

The Pace Grant Agreement amendment is signed.

The draft Goals is deferred until next meeting

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Meeting adjourns at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson
Assistant to the Select Board