

APPROVED

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 26, 2013**

Mary Just Skinner called the meeting to order at 4:57 p.m.

Present: Mary Just Skinner (Acting Chair), Peter Hood (by speaker phone), Mary Alexander, Steve Martin, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara, and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman, as well as Ron Krauth, town representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Board.

Paul delivered a presentation to the Board about how to best allocate funds toward improving Center Road during mud season. He suggested concentrating on the most troublesome stretches. Meanwhile, the roads budget seemed fine until the end of the fiscal year. Peter thought Paul's plan for Center Road was a good one and suggested he check back with the Board after mud season for a status report.

The Board also heard a proposal by the town Road Crew, presented by Paul, that Middlesex adopt a wintertime "on call pay" system whereby individual road crew members would receive a weekly stipend in addition to their regular pay for monitoring road conditions around the clock during the winter months. Currently, only towns with "union shops" use this system in Vermont. Peter suggested that perhaps it would be better to explore this issue around budget time, but right now it was best to keep the pay scheme as is.

Mary Just Skinner addressed an agenda item about how best to divide Sarah's pay between her jobs as Town Clerk and Select Board Assistant. Mary Just Skinner recommended that Sarah ask former Town Clerk Cindy Carlson what system she used and to adopt that.

Ron Krauth apprised the Board on recent actions taken by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. He noted that he was a member of the Regional Planning Commission's Executive Committee and had attended almost every Commission meeting. At Peter's request, Ron also updated the Board on efforts to merge the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission with the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation.

Peter expressed concern over reports that some Regional Planning Commission members have not been taking direction from their Select Boards. Ron responded that, of course, he would always take his direction from the Middlesex Select Board.

**MOTION:** Peter moved to reappoint Ron as Middlesex's representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. Mary Alexander seconded. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Mary Alexander's recent appointment as Town Service Officer. The Board acknowledged that Peter Hood resigned. Steve moved to reaffirm the Board's March 12 appointment of Mary Alexander as Town Service Officer. Peter seconded.

The Board discussed a March 19, 2013, letter sent by Vermont Secretary of Administration Jeb Spaulding to Peter requesting the Board agree to a new closing date for the temporary secure facility of January 1, 2018. In an October 8, 2012 letter, Commissioner Patrick Flood wrote that the state would remove the facility by January 1, 2016, though the state would seek the board's approval if it needed an extension.

Peter noted the zoning permit for the temporary facility does not stipulate a deadline for removal and that he discussed this with Jeb by phone. The Board agreed to further research the request by consulting Rob Halpert, the Town's lawyer on the matter, before taking action.

**Motion:** Mary Alexander moved to give Sarah authority to approve excess weight permits. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a request by Rumney Memorial School Principal Adam Rosen to give the Leonard Milford Scholarship to Bailey Morse, a local fourth grader. The Board requested a specific dollar amount before approval.

**Motion:** Steve moved to approve Nutty Steph's liquor license renewal. Mary Alexander seconded. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Steve moved to approve the Minutes of the March, 18, 2013, executive session. Mary Alexander approved. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman  
Assistant to the Select Board