

Windham VT Selectboard Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting

Present:

Maureen Bell, Selectwoman	Hal Wilkins, Selectman
Vance Bell, Energy Commission	Bob Bingham
Peter Chamberlain	Joyce Cumming, Selectboard Clerk
Russ Cumming, Lister	Sally Hoover, Auditor
John Hoover, J.P., Library Trustee	Tom Johnson, Energy Commission
Louise Johnson, Meetinghouse Transition	Keith Jungermann, Meetinghouse Alternate
Imme Maurath, Auditor	Steve Maurath

Call to order

Maureen called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Additions to Agenda/Announcements/Reminders

There were no additions, announcements, or reminders.

Act on minutes: July 15, 2019 Regular Selectboard Meeting

Hal requested the opportunity to provide an update on a few Old Business items later in the agenda.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the July 15, 2019 Regular Selectboard Meeting as presented—moved by Maureen—all in favor.

Public Comment

Russ Cumming commended the Road Crew for their efforts in replacing culverts and preparing Windham Hill Road for paving this week.

New Business:

No items were slated for discussion or action under New Business as Kord is away.

Old Business:

Thelma, the cow

Hal offered thanks to members of the community, including Alison Trowbridge, Beth McDonald and Alan Partridge, for donations of fence materials and labor to erect a fence to restrain Thelma. Unfortunately, Thelma was roaming again shortly after the fence was installed. Hal believes the cause is a lack of food and he identified a source of hay available at \$40/bale delivered, payable in monthly installments. Hal will call Thelma's owner tomorrow and offer the information. Gail and Paul Wyman have offered storage for hay if needed. Maureen shared a recent WCAX news story regarding two cows on the loose in Richmond. In referring to the Putney Animal Control Ordinance discussed briefly at the July 15 meeting, Maureen noted

multiple references to Vermont statutes which need to be reviewed. An ordinance which could be enforced by the Sheriff's department will require a month or longer for public comment prior to adoption. Signage and cinderblocks placed in the roadway asking drivers on Burbee Pond Road to slow down were removed by the Sheriff's department recently.

Zoning Regulations – Reminder: Selectboard hearing on Zoning Regulations and Enhanced Energy Plan amendments, August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Maureen noted that the Selectboard Hearing on amendments to the Zoning Regulations and Enhanced Energy Plan is scheduled for August 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office. The next regular Selectboard Meeting will follow the hearing at 6:30 p.m. Maureen asked Vance to check the Town website to be sure the summary of the proposed amendments is available online.

Town Office – exterior sign

Maureen reported that Sparky Electric's bucket truck has been repaired and is available to remove the sign. Ed Brown has agreed to paint and re-letter the sign once it's delivered to him.

Roads

Paving/culverts update

Maureen noted that Richard and Kurt have been working diligently to complete culvert repairs on Windham Hill Road before Springfield Paving resumes work tomorrow. An emergency Selectboard Meeting was held on July 29, 2019 to discuss unforeseen repairs needed on a section of Windham Hill Road. Maureen will revise the draft minutes she prepared for the meeting and include the minutes for approval at the August 19 meeting.

Correspondence/Payroll/Bills

An excess weight permit application was received from Carleton Trucking which the Selectboard approved; Maureen will return the approved application to the Town Clerk.

An estimate for the south wall/door construction project was received. Maureen suggested not opening it until additional estimates are received. Hal noted that he mentioned the project to another contractor who may be interested but has not responded yet.

An email was received from Cargill regarding salt quote letters for the upcoming winter season which will be mailed in the near future (attached).

Maureen read a letter announcing the appointment of Mark R. Anderson as Windham County Sheriff (see attached). Hal noted that Sargent Lakin has been very helpful in getting our highways and bridges registered. Hal suggested the Selectboard include at an upcoming meeting a review of the ratio of funds recovered from traffic violations to the cost of the Sheriff's contract. Hal would also like a representative from DOT to join in that discussion as it relates to thru traffic vehicle weights.

Hal offered an update on discussion held last month regarding shared equipment services with other towns, specifically, that Windham should contact the Grafton Selectboard regarding use of Grafton's roadside mower.

No comments have been received in response to the News & Notes article soliciting feedback on the Meetinghouse Transition Committee's recommendation that the Town assume full ownership of the Meetinghouse. Maureen will include a report at the upcoming September meeting on Ernie Friedli's prior comments.

Hal noted that the PACIF grant application is due this month and he will follow up with Richard on a 'wish list' of tools and equipment eligible for partial reimbursement through the grant.

Maureen mentioned that payroll and bills were reviewed and approved as necessary during the week.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 6:54 p.m.—moved by Hal—all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Cumming
Selectboard Clerk

Attachments:

- Letter from Windham County Sheriff's Office dated July 30, 2019
- Email from Cargill re: Salt Quote Letters 2019-2020 Season