

Select Board Meeting, Monday July 8th, 2019 in the Cavendish Town Office
Meeting Room at 6:30pm

Present: Bob Glidden (Chairman), Sandra Russo, Stuart Lindberg, Brendan McNamara (Town Manager), Jen Leak (Recording Secretary), Ed McEneaney (OkemoValleyTV) and citizens as listed on the attached sheet.

Absent: Mike Ripley (Mike was called away just prior to the meeting being called to order.)

1. Call the meeting to order

Bob Glidden, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.a. Act Upon Minutes of June 10th and 24th 2019.

Stuart Lindberg moved/Sandra Russo seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of June 10th and 24th 2019 as written. All voted in favor.

2. Adjust Agenda

Brendan said he had several adjustments to the agenda.

Brendan would like to add Item 1.a. “Select Board to Act Upon Minutes of June 10th and June 24th 2019. “

Item 4 - should be changed from 3 parcels to 4 parcels

Item 6 – “Select Board to review and set the FY 2019-2020 Tax Rate” needs to be postponed since the education rate has not been calculated by the State. Brendan said he would like to replace this item with Item 6 – “Select Board to consider Appointment of Linda Collins to Fire District #2 Prudential Committee”

Sandra asked why the Select Board needed to approve Fire District members if the Fire Districts are separate entities. Bob explained that Select Board approval was needed only when a position becomes vacant before the end of the term of office.

The Board agreed to these adjustments.

3. Hear Citizens

Amanda Gross was present. She said that she had called the Town Office recently to report a large plant growing along Route 131 that looked like giant hogweed which is an invasive and poisonous plant. She said that it was on the right hand side of Route 131 just past Glimmerstone if you were on the way from Cavendish to Proctorsville, and wondered if anyone had had a chance to look at it. Brendan said that he did drive past but didn't see which plant she meant. He said that he would look at it again and call the State if it seemed fit. Diane McNamara was present said that she had mentioned it to someone from Vtrans who was in the Town Office last week.

4. **Diane McNamara, Town Clerk, to review Errors and Omissions pertaining to 4 parcels.**

Diane was present and said that she would like to correct errors on four parcels which were discovered after the grand list was lodged so that the correct information would be reflected when tax bills are printed later this week. She handed out some background information on these 4 parcels to the Board. Three of the parcels needed corrections to the acreage and the fourth needed a correction in appraised value.

#2R06-172, James & Catherine T. Fisher – 18 acres were sold but were not subtracted from their lot

#2R10-096, CaveDweller LLC – initial acreage was incorrect and not corrected after the lot was subdivided and a piece was sold

#2R11-022, Kathleen A. Leitch – a contiguous lot across the road had not been added onto her lot

#2R10-017, Peter & Diane Rosenfeld – appeal of appraisal had been submitted but overlooked at time of Grievance Hearings, and the assessor agreed that the appraised value should be lowered

Sandra Russo moved/Stuart Lindberg seconded a motion to approve the request to correct the errors on the four parcels mentioned above. All voted in favor.

5. **Discussion regarding incident involving Ludlow Ambulance and CVFD that was discussed at the June Select Board Meeting. Abe Gross will be present.**

Abe Gross was present. He requested to postpone this item until the end of tonight's meeting in the hope that Mike Ripley, who had brought this issue to the Board in June but was not present now, might be able to rejoin the meeting.

6:55 p.m. Bob turned this item over to Brendan to lead. Brendan said that since Abe's concern is related to Emergency Medical Services management and not Fire Department services it did fall under Select Board review. He requested that all participating in this discussion be respectful and not bring up issues regarding the Fire Departments.

Abe read a statement regarding the incident discussed at last month's meeting. A brief discussion ensued regarding how to provide the best patient care possible which all agreed was the goal. Brendan said that the Board might consider discussing standards for Emergency Medical Services in the future. He said that he and the Town appreciated all that both departments do and offered to facilitate providing the best emergency services in any way possible.

6. **Select Board to consider Appointment of Linda Collins to Fire District #2 Prudential Committee.**

Bob Glidden moved/Stuart Lindberg seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Linda Collins to fill the remainder of Bob Even's term on Fire District #2 Prudential Committee. Stuart asked if anyone felt he should abstain from voting as a member of Fire Department #2. Bob, Sandra and Brendan agreed that it was not a conflict of interest for Stuart to vote on this motion. All voted in favor.

7. **Discussion regarding cost associated with replacement of culvert and wastewater line on VT131 that will take place during paving.**

Brendan reminded the Board that they had reviewed and approved a proposal from CLD Engineering for the replacement of a stone culvert which runs under Route 131 near Glimmerstone. It will need to be replaced next summer (2020) before Route 131 is repaved which is scheduled for 2021. He said that the Town is responsible for replacement of the sewer line which sits above this culvert which will include installing a temporary line while the culvert is being replaced. Brendan said that the estimate for this project is \$75,000 which will need to be added into the FY21 Sewer Budget next year.

Brendan added that he appreciated the skim coat which VTrans applied to several sections of Route 131 and hoped that it would last until the major repairs begin next year. Bob C. Glidden was present and asked if the State had finished making repairs for this year. Brendan said that he thought they were finished, and while they did address the worst sections he agreed that there are still many bad spots.

8. **Select Board to review and consider approval of the new 2019 Town Road and Bridge Standards.**

Brendan said that he had emailed the new Town Road and Bridge Standards to the Board for review. He said these state standards need to be adopted in order for the Town to be eligible for certain state funding. Brendan said that these standards require stone-lined drainage ditches along roads above a certain pitch. He said that the test section the Town completed on Wiley Hill Road has held up well during several heavy rain events. He added that they will be more difficult to clean out and transporting the stones does cause additional wear and tear on the Town trucks.

Stuart asked if Brendan had spoken with anyone at the Agency of Transportation regarding those concerns. Brendan said he had not as there was not much time for discussion before the adoption of these new standards. Stuart wondered what might happen during another Tropical Storm Irene event where all the ditches became filled with debris. Brendan agreed and added that they are not very aesthetic. He said that he and Phon have discussed buying or renting a hydroseeder to line the ditches with grass.

Bob Glidden moved/Sandra Russo seconded a motion to approve the new 2019 Town Road and Bridge Standards. All voted in favor.

9. **Select Board to consider nomination and appointment for vacant Select Board position.**

The Board agreed to postpone this item until the full Board could be present.

10. **Town Manager to update board on EV Charging Station Grant.**

Brendan said that the grant the Energy Committee submitted for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station has been approved. He added that he did not have too many details on the funding yet and said that it may not be installed until next spring. Brendan reminded the Board that it will be placed on the corner of the Proctorsville Green and Depot Street near Outer Limits Brewery. He added that since Outer Limits Brewery is now open there were a lot of people on the Green this past weekend, and the Summer Concert series will start this Wednesday evening.

Sandra asked if the grant will cover all the project expenses. Brendan said that he thought it would and added that the Town's share could be fulfilled by force account labor. Bob asked if there would be charge to users of the station. Brendan said that the Town will cover the operating expenses for the first year which he estimated would be about \$100. He said that could be changed later on by adding a credit card swiper to charge users directly.

11. **Other business**

Brendan McNamara – none.

Stuart Lindberg – none.

Sandra Russo – none.

Bob Glidden – none.

Bob asked whether the Board wanted to discuss Item # 5 since Mike Ripley had not rejoined the meeting. Abe said that he would like to read his statement since it was difficult for him to attend Monday night meetings.

12. **Adjourn**

Sandra Russo moved/Stuart Lindberg seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. All voted in favor.

Minutes Approved: _____

Date: _____