

Select Board Meeting: Draft Minutes  
February 10, 2015

Selectboard members present: Matt Norris, Peter Marsh  
Others present: Tom Estey, Dennis Hysko, Robert Turner, Bill Coon, Jan McCleery

The meeting came to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** M. Norris moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

**Bills:** M. Norris moved to instruct the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Town garage project:** After receiving construction estimates for the garage and salt/sand shed project that were significantly higher than anticipated, the committee decided to do more research on costs by visiting recently built projects and learning about others. The garage committee discussed information gained from site visits to the Williston Town garage and the District 5 VTrans garage in Colchester.

Tom Lathrop of Straight Up Construction was invited to the meeting to discuss a maintenance shop he constructed for the Blue Spruce Farm. His firm constructed a 60'X140' structure with stud wall and truss construction, foam and fiberglass insulation, and steel panels for the inside and exterior wall finish. It has a 4/12 pitch membrane covered roof. His firm also constructed the Bristol Town salt shed and a building for Martin's Hardware in Middlebury.

It was decided to get more information about relative costs of different types of construction including "stick-built frames, steel frames with insulated panels and composite wood and steel panels. Black River Design will be asked if they have cost comparisons and if they have clarification on outstanding issues regarding permitting including possible sprinkler requirements, wetland issues, etc.

**Trash collection:** Casella Waste Management is discontinuing the collection service they have provided at the Town Recycling center twice a month. Randy Orvis of Moose Trash Service was invited to discuss what options his firm might provide. He offered to have a truck and an attendant on site Saturday afternoons for both trash and recycling collection. He currently does not have equipment and staff available for Saturday mornings. He is however looking into purchasing a trailer that might work for Saturday morning collection in Starksboro. The Board will continue to explore other options.

**Ongoing Projects:** P. Marsh that the Commuter Shed is essentially complete, operational and being used regularly. He is applying for reimbursement for the Town from the Park and Ride program which provides the grant funding for this project.

A Toro snowblower was purchased from Capital Maintenance funds to facilitate snow removal. It has been put to use several times since its acquisition and has been very effective, particularly in dealing with the drifts of snow that occur between the storage building and the Town hall.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FEMA:** T. Estey attended a briefing for towns intending to apply for FEMA reimbursement for costs related to the snow storms of Dec. 9 and following days last year. He is hopeful that Starksboro will receive funds to help reimburse Starksboro for equipment, material and labor expenses incurred during the storm. There will also be additional costs of dealing with tree damage related to the storm that will happen in the spring when the snow melts and the down trees and hangers along the roads can be dealt with.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Marsh