

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Tony Porter, Susan Jefferies (Chair)
Others present: Tom Estey, Jennifer Turner, Susan Reit de Salas, Fred Baser, Penny Bennett

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Minutes: P. Marsh moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016 Selectboard meeting. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.

Bills: P. Marsh moved to instruct the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.

Road Foreman's Report: T. Estey reported that there will be training for the new garage mechanicals this Friday. The estimated cost to seal the cement blocks in the salt shed is \$1,280. S. Jefferies will set up a meeting with Adam Piper of the Vermont Land Trust to review the berm requirements. T. Porter suggested that the Selectboard proceed with putting in a road before the land sale is final.

T. Estey reviewed the cost and specs for a lift system. The system would cost approximately \$22,000. T. Porter noted that the lift could have been used three times in the past two days. P. Marsh moved to approve the purchase. S. Jefferies seconded. T. Porter recused himself.

Mail:

- **Loan Documents** - The Selectboard reviewed loan documents for the purchase of a truck. P. Marsh moved to approve the loan. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Emergency Operations Plan** – P. Marsh moved to approve the Starksboro Emergency Operations Plan. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved. S. Jefferies signed the plan.

Visitor's Business:

- **Recycling** – Susan Reit and Jennifer Turner discussed the requirements for moving Starksboro's recycling collection to the new town garage. A possible site has been identified. The site is outside of the gates, and T. Estey plans to install an additional gate.

There was discussion about whether a permit would be required. S. Reit will talk to ACSWMD. A concrete pad should be installed to hold the roll offs, and the roll offs need some repair. The Selectboard will look into matching grants from ACSWMD to help with the costs.

- **Fred Baser** – Representative Fred Baser met with the Selectboard to discuss any concerns we might have that could be addressed at the state level. T. Porter talked about the impact of the Clean Water bill, saying that ongoing maintenance will be more expensive. Other items included the concern that financial aid is not available for many new state requirements, and almost never available for ongoing replacements or

maintenance, the elimination of state support for town functions including the Health Officer, the difficulty of tracking changes to state education property taxes, the lack of reporting requirements for town officials, and the added cost of meeting state requirements in order to receive state funding.

- **Penny Bennett** – This meeting was a follow up to a meeting from last year regarding speed on Mason Hill North and Big Hollow Road. P. Bennett reported that she has tried posting signs, putting up barrels and rope barriers, and the sheriff has been out. She continues to have problems with people driving through her cows when they cross the road, and there have been several close calls with family members. T. Porter ways the intersection might be reconfigured to improve safety. He will call VTrans to review the process and discuss with the road foreman.

Old Business:

- **Park and Ride** – P. Marsh discussed lighting at the park and ride lot. Grants may be available to assist with the cost.
- **Proposed Zoning Regulations** – A special Selectboard meeting will be warned for 11:30 am on Saturday, June 25 2016 for the Selectboard to discuss and take action on the proposed zoning regulations.

New Business:

- **Increases for Town Employees** – P. Marsh moved to approve 3% raises for the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Assistant Town Clerks, Assistant Town Treasurer, Zoning Administrator and members of the Road Crew. S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved. T. Porter recused himself.

Agenda Items for July 19, 2016:

- **Class 4 road maintenance policy**
- **Action plan to increase Selectboard to five members**
- **Sale of land at gravel pit**

July meetings will be on the 5th and 19th. S. Jefferies will not be available for the July 5 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jefferies