

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting
March 10, 2015

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Selectboard members present: Mathew Norris, Susan Jefferies (Chair)

Others present: Tom Estey, Robert Turner, Bill Coon, Dennis Hysko, Marjorie Dickstein, Tom Lathrop

S. Jefferies called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Selectboard Organization: M. Norris nominated S. Jefferies as Selectboard chair. S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved. The following appointments were approved by the Selectboard:

- Poundkeeper – Wayne Marcelle
- Tree Warden – Tom Estey
- Fence Viewers – Selectboard
- Inspectors of Lumber, Shingles and Wood – Selectboard
- Weighers of Coal – Selectboard
- Representative to Addison County Solid Waste Management District – Susan Reit de Salas
- Town Service Officer – Michael Gray

Regularly scheduled Selectboard meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. April meetings will be on the 7th and 28th due to vacation schedules.

Additions to the Agenda:

Lease with Robinson Elementary School - The Selectboard received from Robinson Elementary School a draft lease agreement to maintain six solar trackers on school property. M. Norris noted that the expiration language in item 3 was not consistent with the termination clause in item 4 and requested that the second sentence in item 3 be amended to read “The lease shall terminate on the expiration of the Town’s Power Purchase Agreement with Allearth Renewables, Inc, unless renewed, or when the solar trackers are removed from the property”.

Minutes: M. Norris moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting. S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved.

Bills: M. Norris moved to instruct the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented. S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved.

Mail:

- The Selectboard received a note from Bill Coon forwarding an **anonymous complaint that minutes were not posted** on the website on a timely basis. S. Jefferies will post the minutes.
- The **post office requested repairs to the back door**, noting “The kick plate is rusted and bottom has fallen off. Snow and rain enter from underneath door. It’s also brining in cold air. The door will not always latch unless pushed or pulled very tightly.” S. Jefferies will arrange for repairs to be made.

Visitors’ Business – T. Estey asked for permission at run a small pump at the old town office building. The pump would cost about \$0.50/day to run. The Selectboard agreed to this, with the understanding that some maple syrup would be donated to the Sports Program’s pancake breakfast.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Town Garage Committee: Tom Lathrop presented materials pricing for construction of a wood framed building. These estimates were for the shell only – finishing and labor were not included. He noted that labor costs were typically less than the cost of materials. He estimated the project would take 2 ½ months. If we provide a sketch of the building, he will price steel construction.

M. Dickstein noted that the building codes changed March 1, 2015. Skylights and daylight sensors are now required in public buildings the size of the town garage. Another change to the building code has been postponed until January 1, 2016. This change would result in more stringent requirements and higher costs to complete the building.

The Committee reviewed costing information received from Black River Design on a line by line basis. R. Turner will summarize the changes by section. M. Norris will obtain estimates for plumbing fixtures. B. Coon will summarize all items to be provided by owner (Town) for inclusion in the overall estimate.

Other comments included:

- Five months is longer than the project should take and could be reduced by up to 20%
- We should consider asking for an estimate prepared by another estimator after we make our changes
- Make sure local contractors are bondable

Agenda for Tuesday, March 24 meeting:

- Town Garage Advisory Committee at 6:30
- Lease agreement for Community Center building
- Repairs to post office door

April meetings will be on the 7th and 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jefferies