

**Town of Starksboro
Selectboard Meeting minutes
November 21, 2017
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PRESENT: Peter Marsh, Tony Porter, Koran Cousino, and Rebecca Elder (SB assistant)

VISITORS: Tom Estey, Jan McCleery, Rich McCleery

The meeting was called to order by Tony Porter at 5:30 p.m.

Motion: Peter Marsh moved and Koran Cousino seconded the approval of the 11/7/17 minutes with minor corrections.

Vote: All in favor

Orders and Bills: Following the last meeting, Tony Porter followed up with Assistant Treasurer Amy Mansfield regarding questions from the SB. The remaining orders are still needed for final approval and signing.

Motion: Peter Marsh moved and Koran Cousino seconded the motion to approve payment for current orders and pay bills.

Vote: All in favor

Motion: Peter Marsh moved and Koran Cousino seconded the motion to approve a \$100 supporting membership for Front Porch Forum.

Vote: All in favor

Per the Addison County Regional Planning Commission: In 2002, two (2) generators were purchased with one designated for the Robinson School and one for the Fire Department. Per the agreement, the Town is responsible for use and maintenance of generators. Koran Cousino will follow up with the school board to request/confirm permission to use the generator.

Discussion re: use of Robinson School's multi-purpose room: As noted in Article 7, Real Estate D, the new supervisory union recognizes and will continue long term relationships such as use of multi-purpose rooms. The new school district will take these relationships into account when drafting new language post-merger.

School Choice week – Discuss at December meeting.

Addition to the agenda: Dan Nugent of the Development Review Board sent a letter to the SB dated 11/21/17 requesting compensation for board member who took on additional responsibilities including minutes for last meeting. Tony Porter will follow up with Dan for more information. Amy McCormick is available to assist with minutes and other tasks.

Road Report – Tom Estey:

- Grader tires are needed. Cost is \$2900 each. Total of 6 are needed. Town purchases at state contract price so cost is same regardless of place of purchase.
- Tires are oversized, wider than normal for a grader. It was purchased as a demo and that was an option. Performs well in mud season. All must be replaced at the same time and must be done this year (2 of the tires are slick).
 - Peter M asked if tire purchase could be included in the equipment reserve fund. That approach might distribute the budget impact. (\$17,400)
- RE: Thatcher Hurd easement and pole placement. Tom reviewed where stakes are placed and concurs the location for poles is fine.

- Temporary driveway permit request submitted from A. Johnson for area at the bottom of Browns Hill Road for short-term access for logging. Driveway to be removed when work is complete. (est. 6 weeks).

Motion: Peter Marsh moved and Koran Cousino seconded the motion to approve the temporary driveway permit for A Johnson at the intersection of Browns Hill and Big Hollow Road.

Vote: All in favor

- Better Back Roads grant: Plans are to perform maintenance to Big Hollow road next summer. Road crew to continue improvements to ditches.
- Lafayette & Robert Young Roads: Need a design from engineer; Tom to find out costs.
- Upcoming municipal roads seminar on 12/6 at the Capitol Plaza. Koran Cousino may attend.

Visitor business:

Jan McCleery attended to answer questions about the Conservation Commission's request for a new appointment for a vacant seat. SB would like to invite nominee for a brief meet and greet at an upcoming meeting.

Rich McCleery asked if the proposed solar installation on the former landfill site would include battery storage. The SB will ask Green Lantern Solar if battery storage is part of their planning. This may be an idea for future solar installations in town, if sites are designated.

Current Business

- Thatcher Hurd easement update: no new information
- Palmer grievance: no new information
- Budget Requests: Cheryl Estey is tracking and provided SB with current list
- Land transfer: Susan Jefferies contacted Jim Runcie to do the legal work. He agreed but is out of town, to return in early December. The transaction is essentially trading land. There will be a warning prior to a transfer. The land was purchased as 5-6 parcels and they are still discreet in the land records.
- Zoning Administrator Advertising:
 - Job description to be posted on town website along with job advertisement.
 - Position to be posted in the Addison Independent, Seven Days, VTJobs.com
 - Zoning list-serv – Jeff Keeney can post there once ad is finalized.
 - Rebecca to handle placing ads, posting on website, etc.
 - Applications to be received by Town Clerk

Jerusalem Schoolhouse

A meeting was held recently to discuss the need for a survey to confirm the property lines of the schoolhouse property. An estimated cost amount is needed for an article for Town Meeting. Survey is likely to cost \$2-3K per Barnard & Gervais. The schoolhouse committee requests SB permission to have a survey done.

There is a drilled well (circa 1965); it is buried but still functional. The plot is roughly 1.3 acres in size.

Consensus: SB to look at the plan and will add to next agenda for further discussion.

- Exterior Light: no action
- RFPs: no action
- Animal control: no updates

Peter Marsh noted that at the recent Hunter's Breakfast, the power shorted out. Fuses were burning out due to incorrect amps. Fuses were replaced and all is functional at this time.

The post office window has been repaired.

Maintenance items:

- Need a new clock in town office meeting room

A budget meeting needs to be scheduled for early December. Date to be confirmed with Susan and Keegan.

Motion: Koran Cousino moved and Tony Porter seconded the motion to adjourn.

Vote: All in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca T. Elder
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